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PEACE PROSPECTS IN CHINA

Denies Signing Of Armistice

Rhodes, February 21.
United Nations officials to-day denied that Egypt and Israel had signed an armistice agreement.

At the same time, it was officially announced that the Transjordanian delegation was to arrive here aboard a United Nations plane on Thursday for negotiations with Israel starting Friday.

Word of the delegation's arrival plan was sent to the acting Palestine mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, by the United Nations' representative in Amman.—United Press.

Help For British Shipping

London, February 20.
The annual report of the Chamber of Shipping for 1948-49, published today, says that Marshall aid cargoes have made a considerable contribution to the maintenance of full employment for British and other shipping.

Unless the present high cost of shipbuilding is substantially reduced, the report says, it is not at all likely that owners will feel able to place orders except for ships of a special type for general trades.

The report says that the present small production of tramp steamers is disturbing. "Not only are vessels from two to three times as costly to build as in the years immediately preceding the war but take at least twice as long in construction," the Chamber of Shipping says.

The Chamber of Shipping welcomes the progressive removal of shipping controls and calls for a complete relaxation at the earliest opportunity of the existing rigidity of chartering controls and a restoration of the normal chartering practices of an entirely free market.

The report gave the total tonnage on the British register at the end of 1948 as 17,500,000 tons, about the same as a year earlier, and about 250,000 tons less than the 1939 commercially-owned tonnage.—Reuters.

Chinese To Mark "Hoi Foo" Today

The Goddess of Mercy (Kwun Yam) will throw open the vaults of her Treasury Department today and the event, known in Chinese as "Hoi Foo" will be marked by large scale religious ceremonies in temples dedicated to the Goddess.

All Chinese of the Buddhist faith who are anxious to enjoy a greater share of wealth and prosperity during the year will therefore make it a point to visit a Goddess of Mercy Temple and worship before the image of Kwun Yam.

This event marks the first important Chinese festival of the New Year and is always celebrated on the 20th day of the First Moon.

Those whose prayers to the Goddess last year have been answered will show their gratitude today by attending a temple with roast pigs, cooked chickens, fruit, cakes and other customary offerings.

Most Loved Goddess

Whilst other Chinese gods are more or less feared, the Goddess of Mercy is the most loved goddess in China. In addition to being the symbol of all that is good and pure, she is also regarded as the perfect model of Chinese beauty.

According to the story which has been handed down through the centuries, Kwun Yam was the daughter of a King. Court life held no attraction for her as it was her ambition to ensure the happiness of the ill and infirm. Kwun Yam is said to have experienced a wish to enter a nunnery but her father, who was most anxious that she marry, not only refused her permission to enter a nunnery but expelled her from her home.

Mao May Meet Dr. Shao On General Issues Of Peace

LI'S POSITION STRONGER

Nanking, February 22.

The Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung, is reported to have agreed to meet the Government peace delegate, Dr. Shao Li-tse, for talks which may bring peace to China by spring, according to reliable reports from Peiping today.

These reports were obtained from sources in contact with Peiping which said Dr. Shao and one other member of the Shanghai peace delegation, Dr. W. W. Yen, would fly today to the Communist headquarters at Shihchihchuan to confer with Mr. Mao.

The reports said the peace envoys will be accompanied by three top Communist leaders from Peiping. Those will include General Yeh Chien-ying, Communist Mayor of Peiping, and two of his aides, Tung Ti-wu and General Lin Piao.

Mr. Mao Tse-tung, according to the reports, telegraphed his approval for the meeting after the Shanghai peace delegation had spent two weeks preparing the ground in Peiping.

Although Dr. Shao is one of the peace delegates named by the Nationalist Government to negotiate with the Chinese Communists he is not in Peiping at that moment. When he left for Peiping some time ago, Dr. Shao announced he was accompanying the Shanghai peace delegation in his capacity as a private citizen to replace one of the two other members declared inadmissible by the Communists.

To Advance View

There was no doubt, however, that he would use any opportunity in his meeting with Mr. Mao to advance the Government's view of acceptable peace proposals.

The Shanghai peace mission was entertained by three Communist leaders of dinner in Peiping at which Dr. Shao indicated he believed peace for China was possible.

In response to General Yeh's statement, that the Communist desire for peace was sincere, he said, "The seeds of peace cannot be destroyed even by wildfire opposition because they grow again when the spring winds come." Dr. Shao's

reference to spring was interpreted as meaning that there will be peace by spring.

Leaves Canton

Mr. Tung Pi-wu, who is to accompany the delegation, is a member of the Communist Central Committee and was Deputy Chinese Communist negotiator at the time of General George C. Marshall's mediation efforts. General Lin Piao is Communist Commander-in-Chief in North China.

Acting President Li Tsung-jen, meanwhile, left Canton for Kwailin today with his political position immeasurably strengthened at the expense of his opponents.

Participants who attended the series of meetings and conferences with Li agreed that the his astute handling of the situation brought admiration and support from all sides, including many who heretofore had been hostile.

It is understood the Premier Dr. Sun Fo, and the Deputy Premier, Mr. Wu Te-chen, will leave for Nanking on Thursday, to salvage whatever they can from Acting President Li's devastating attack. Informants here said whether they remain in the Government or quit is no longer important, although it would give the Government the appearance of solidarity.

General Chang is expected to meet Acting President Li Tsung-jen and high ranking provincial leaders at a peace conference immediately President Li returns from his flying visit to Canton, where he was reported to have urged Premier Sun Fo to return to Nanking.

General Chang was welcomed at the Nanklin airfield by General Pai Chung-hai and General Ho Ying-chin, and the Nationalist naval commander, Admiral Kwei Yung-ching.

General Pai hinted that he had no intention of conferring with retired Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as had been rumoured. General Ho has denied that he has been offered the premiership to succeed Dr. Sun Fo.—United Press and Reuter.

Strong Support

These statements gave him strong popular and Governmental support, and helped to scatter the opposition forces, for the present at least.

At first the Acting President encountered heavy going, but his stubbornness and intention of remaining in Canton until the issue was settled one way or the other finally caused his opponents to weaken, these sources said.

The final decision whether the Premier resigns is thought to rest with the Legislative Yuan when the impending session convenes in Nanking this week.

All Menial Tasks

To this end, the Mother Superior of the nunnery assigned Kwun Yam to work in the kitchen and generally to do all menial tasks. The gods are said to have taken compassion on Kwun Yam and to have assisted her in her work.

In spite of all that she suffered, Kwun Yam did not bear any ill-feeling or resentment against her father, for what he had done.

On the other hand, when he became afflicted with a terrible skin disease which gradually ate away his body, Kwun Yam is said to have given parts of the flesh from her own body to cure him.

In appreciation of this noble and unselfish act, Kwun Yam was canonised and given the title of Very Merciful and Saviour of the Afflicted (Tal Chi Tal Ba Kwun). Sol Yam Po Sat).

Her throne is said to be the Lotus Flower, and this is one of the reasons why the Chinese words "In Fa" usually appear before her name.

An American source called the disagreement a comparatively minor one. The Deputies are now discussing technical phases of the proposed pact to complete a preliminary review of East-West treaty differences before hearing Yugoslav territorial and reparations claims on Thursday.

Only after hearing the Yugoslav Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Alce Bebler, will it be determined whether a three-year deadline over treaty terms can be broken, an American source said.

Britain, France and the United States—all opposed to ceding any Austrian territory or reparations to Yugoslavia—agreed to hear Mr. Bebler in the hope that the Yugoslav Minister will modify his country's claims.

The Yugoslav claim for a slice of Slovovia-populated Southern Austria and \$100 million have been backed by the Soviet Union.



An unofficial Chinese peace delegation from Canton arrived in Hong Kong yesterday to convey Dr. Sun Fo's views to the Chinese Communist Party. The delegates are left to right, Messrs. Cheng Yu-ung, Wu Chih-shang, and Professor Wu Yu-hao.—"China Mail" Photo.

Peace Leaders Arrive In Attempt To Contact Communists

Three Chinese leaders, Messrs. Wu Yu-hao, Cheng Yu-ung and Wu Chih-shang, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by air from Canton on a self-imposed mission—to contact Chinese Communist Party representatives in the Colony.

The unofficial peace delegation, which claimed the blessing of General Li Tsung-jen, Vice-President of China, and Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Executive Yuan, has limited its stay here to 72 hours.

The three members will return to Canton if they fail to find Chinese Communist Party liaison officers here to receive and forward Dr. Sun Fo's peace views to Mr. Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Communist Party.

They will also make attempts to approach China Democratic League representatives here with the same object.

Speaking for the delegation, Professor Wu Tu-hao told Press representatives at Kai Tak airport yesterday that the delegation has no assurance that the Communist Party officials will receive the delegation.

He admitted that he has not been empowered to conduct actual peace negotiations but only to act as an intermediary.

Professor Wu said that there are a handful of ranking Communist Party officials in Hong Kong whom he could approach.

He would not name any specific one.

Professor Wu confirmed reports that Dr. Sun Fo will accompany General Li Tsung-jen to Nanking within three days.

He added that the delegation hopes to accompany them to the capital.

Professor said that he did not obtain the approval of President Chiang Kai-shek for his peace mission to Peiping last month.

He added that President Chiang is completely out of politics today.

MR. W. J. KEATES

The condition of Mr. W. J. Keates, Editor-in-Chief of the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald", was early this morning reported as unchanged.

Discord Noted On Compensation

London, February 21.

The Big Four Deputy Foreign Ministers, trying to draft an Austrian independence treaty, again disagreed today on compensation for foreign property seized after the German anschluss in 1938.

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Challenges Send Him To Mental Home

Seven-Year Sentence For Robber

Sentence of seven years' hard labour and 10 strokes of the cane was meted out to Li Fat by Mr. Justice William Puisne (Judge) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday. He had pleaded guilty to robbery by two or more.

The jury of four men and three women found Lau Fong at the same trial not guilty of receiving stolen property. Lau was consequently discharged.

Crown Counsel, Mr. A. Hooton, conducted the prosecution, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector Leslie.

Mr. Hooton stated that the case was very simple. On July 10, 1948, he said, there was a robbery at the Shing Lee Oil Drums Shop at 10 Bedford Road, about 9 p.m. The occupants of the house were made to go into the kitchen while the robbers took away among other things a cotton quilt cover, a rattan basket, and a pair of trousers belonging to the lady of the house.

Crown Counsel went no to say that on November 4, the police visited the accused at Shamshui-poo, after which he took them along to a hut at Shek Kip Mei Village, where he pointed a cubicle to the police. Inside the cubicle was found a rattan basket, a pair of trousers and a pawn ticket.

The pawn ticket, Mr. Hooton continued, was then taken to a pawn shop and it was found to be related to a certain cotton quilt cover which had been pawned on July 17, about five weeks after the robbery.

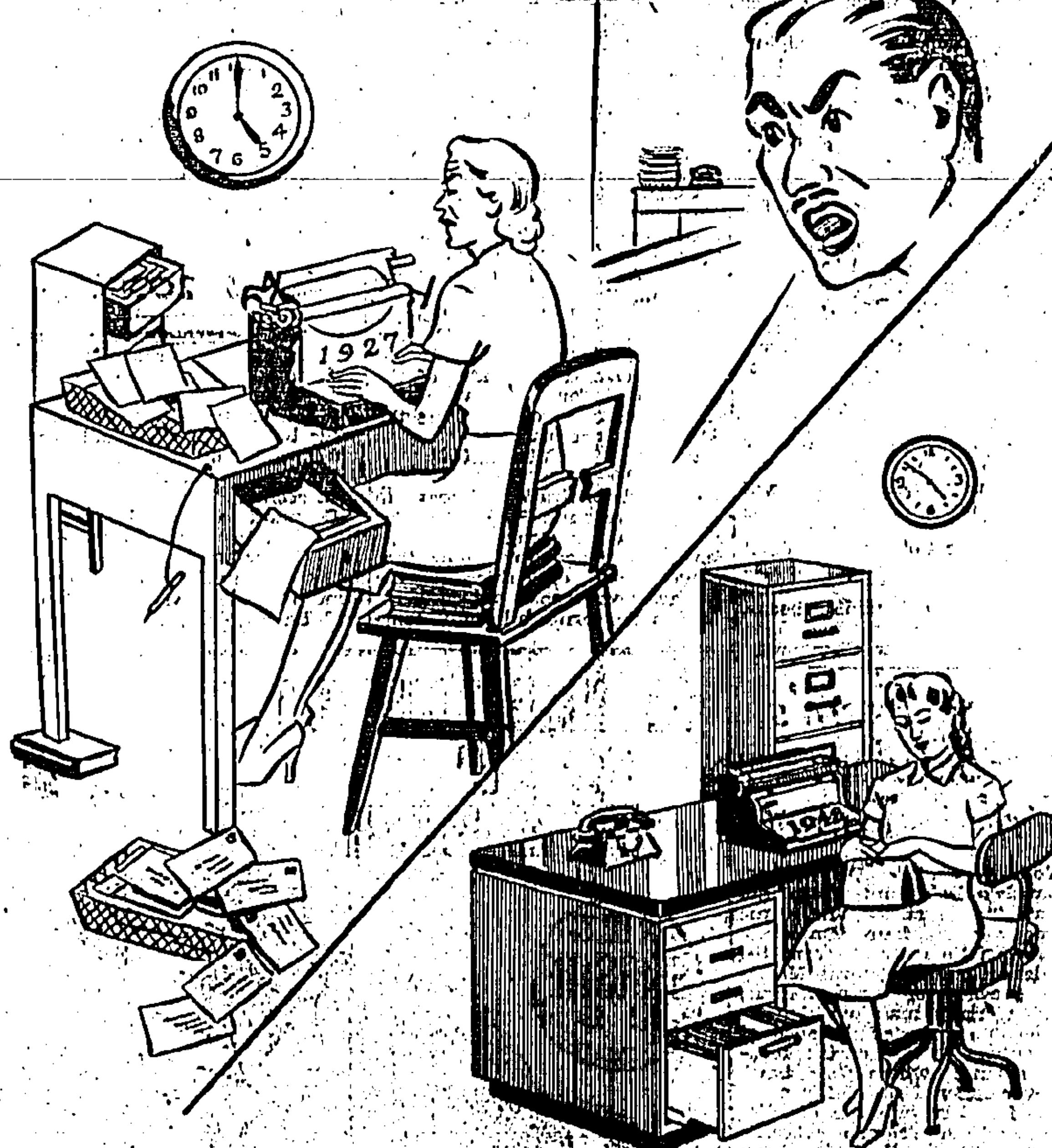
The case for the prosecution, said Mr. Hooton, was that there was a robbery, after which certain proceeds of it were found in the possession of the accused Lau Fong. Lau, he submitted, must have known these proceeds were stolen property, remembering in particular there was a pawn shop ticket for one of these items in his possession.

Corroborative evidence was then given by witnesses for the prosecution.

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A challenge of the court's right to send him to the Mental Home for observation without his being examined by two doctors of his own choice, and without the prior consent of his father, was made by Peter Braund, aged 25, of Kowloon yesterday. Braund, who was charged with failing to pay his taxi fare and with obstructing the police in the execution of their duty in the early hours of yesterday morning, was remanded for seven days for medical observation, when the case resumed in the afternoon.

In reply to defendant, witness said that what accused said was "I spent the evening in company with your boss." Later, defendant mentioned the fact that he was living in the same building as a certain police officer.

Witness' Denial

Repeating to further questions witness denied having used abusive language to Braund in the charge room, or being annoyed with him, when he said that the police were carrying out their duties in an official and overbearing manner.

Witness said that defendant was definitely not drunk and did not even smell of alcohol. He agreed with accused that an offer was made by defendant to undergo any medical test for drunkenness, that the police might require.

Taking the witness stand, defendant offered himself for cross-examination without giving any evidence in chief.

In reply to Sir Evans, accused said that he sat in the taxi for an hour and a half in order to get the full value for the \$10 which he paid to a "boy" in the eating house. He intended this money to be for the hire of the taxi but, he admitted, he could not say whether the "boy" paid it to the driver.

He further admitted that when he stopped the taxi at Diamond Hill he did not ask the driver for the change from the \$10. Neither did he ask for any change when he alighted at Kal Tak, although on both occasions he lifted the meter ring to indicate that he did not want the taxi any longer.

Defendant, said witness, then asked him to go on and, on arrival outside the RAE airfield, the cab stopped, and defendant entered the airfield. Witness waited for 20 minutes when defendant reappeared and, entering the cab, told Lo to drive on to Harbour View Hotel.

When near the civil airport, defendant again told witness to stop. Braund got out of the cab, stepped up the meter flag, re-entered the taxi and told witness to drive on back to Kal Tak. Lo refused to do so and told defendant to go with him to the Kowloon Taxicab Co.

Finds No Money

Arriving back at the garage, witness asked defendant for the fare of \$8.00. Braund searched his pockets but found no money. Some one in the garage reported to the Mong Kok Police Station and came back shortly afterwards with Sub-Inspector E. H. Wells.

St. Wells, testifying said that when he arrived at the garage he asked defendant to go with him to the police station as his (witness) could not speak Punjabi and so could not settle matters there.

Defendant refused and said he realised that witness would be in an awkward position if he had to arrest a member of the RAF Reserve. Braund also mentioned, in passing, that he had spent the evening with a senior police officer.

As defendant was about to leave the garage he asked witness to explain to the drivers that he was not being arrested but was going to the police station on his own. Witness was unable to do this as he could not speak Punjabi.

Defendant then walked to the door of the garage but instead of leaving, as witness thought he was going to, laid several packets of cigarettes on the ground. Witness then asked defendant if he was going to the police station and Braund replied that he was going in his own time.

Witness therupon arrested defendant for obstructing a police officer in the execution of his duty. Braund, added witness, when asked whether he was going to pay the taxi fare or not made two replies, one that he had paid \$10 in advance and two that he would not pay.

Sub-Inspector T. Kavanagh has been transferred from Central to Yau Ma Tei CID.

Sub-Inspector D. L. Davies has been transferred from Kowloon City CID to Yau Ma Tei, and his place at Kowloon City has been taken by Detective Sub-Inspector D. H. Tyler, Officer-In-Charge of Shamshui Po Police Station, Sub-Inspector F. Woodhead, from Sheung Shui succeeded ST. Tyler at Shamshui Po.

The Directors of Hong Kong Tramways Limited announced yesterday that at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders on March 22, a final dividend will be recommended of \$1.00 a share, less tax, for the year ended December 31, 1948.

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Forced to move from Wan Chai roof-tops, squatter colonies have been migrating to open spaces in other residential areas. A big encampment is now being developed near the junction of Bluepool Road and Lung Wo Road, and on the nearby hillside. During the past few days, new wooden shacks have been erected off Bluepool Road. More than 10 have been completed. A hut 24 feet long and 12 feet wide, containing three bedrooms, one kitchen and a sitting room, and housing three families, has been built for HK\$1,000. Bigger shacks cost almost HK\$1,000. ("China Mail" Photo).

European Fined For Dangerous Driving

"A driver is not entitled to proceed at all unless he can see where he is going. This is the clearest case of dangerous driving we have had for a long time," said Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Before the court was Richard Alan Peter Foxley, second officer of the ss. Eastern Trader, who, on the summons of dangerous driving being proved against him, was fined \$75.

When he saw the approaching car, he decided to carry on in his original intention of overtaking as he believed that, by braking, he would collide into the car in front of him.

Claim Arising From Estate

Hearing continued yesterday of the claim arising from an estate consisting of paddy fields 250 years ago in the New Territories, heard before Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice).

The plaintiff in the case, Mrs. Choy-hong, a widow, is represented by Mr. B. A. Bernachini instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., is representing the defendants Tang, Shing-mo, Tang Ping-chiu, and Tang Kan-shu.

The plaintiff and the defendants are residing at the Han Mee Village in the Ping Shan District, New Territories.

The claim is for a declaration that the plaintiff be entitled to a share of 100 pheasants of rice a year and an order that the defendants give her the share for 1946 and 1947. They also claim an injunction to restrain the defendants from disposing of the opposite direction.

Witness said that while the car was stationary a period of three or four minutes, two or three cars overtook it on the left. Coming in, in their direction were another two or three cars, with such force that it bounced back six or seven yards.

A motor cycle, No. 440, suddenly came up from their rear and passed on the offside of their car. Before witness could realise what had actually happened, the motor cycle hit the last of the approaching cars on the near-side, with such force that it bounced back six or seven yards.

Dr. Edward Szeto said that he was driving his car in the direction of Tsingtao at about 20 miles an hour when, about 20 yards from Kimberley Road, he saw car 2636, driven by Mr. Britto, said that his car was going from Tsingtao to Yau Ma Tei and intended to turn into Kimberley Road. The driver stopped the vehicle in the middle of Nathan Road as there were cars approaching from the opposite direction.

Witness said that while the car was stationary a period of three or four minutes, two or three cars overtook it on the left. Coming in, in their direction were another two or three cars, with such force that it bounced back six or seven yards.

At yesterday's hearing, evidence was taken from several witnesses for the defendants, one of whom was Mr. P. L. Lam, solicitor, who explained the Chinese customs and laws regarding ancestral sacrifice funds, the custom of adoption, and so forth, after which hearing was adjourned.

Dairy Farm Case Hearing

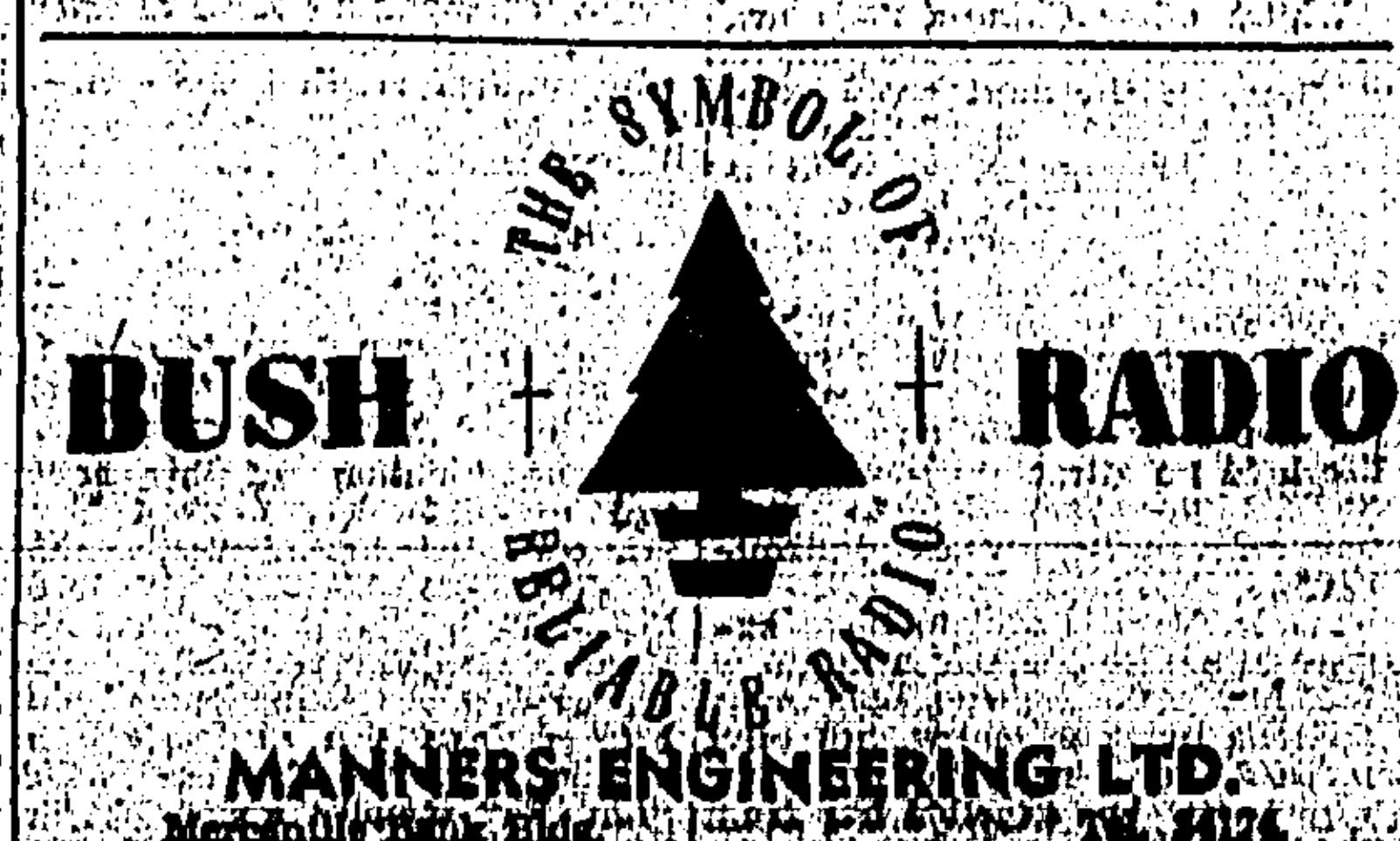
The "Dairy Farm Case" in which two cows, boys, Yu Sang, aged 22, and Yu Ping, aged 31, are charged with larceny by servant was continued at Central yesterday before Mr. F. X. O'Farrell.

It was alleged that on December 14, defendants stole 10 cattle of cattle food from the Dairy Farm Company at Paklum. Second defendant was additionally charged with unlawful possession of 70 cattle of cattle food at No. 10 Coolie Quarters in Paklum. This charge will be tried separately.

Mr. F. A. Vine appeared for the prosecution and Mr. M. A. da Silva for the second defendant.

The first defendant has already pleaded guilty.

The case was adjourned to Friday, March 10 at 3.15 p.m.



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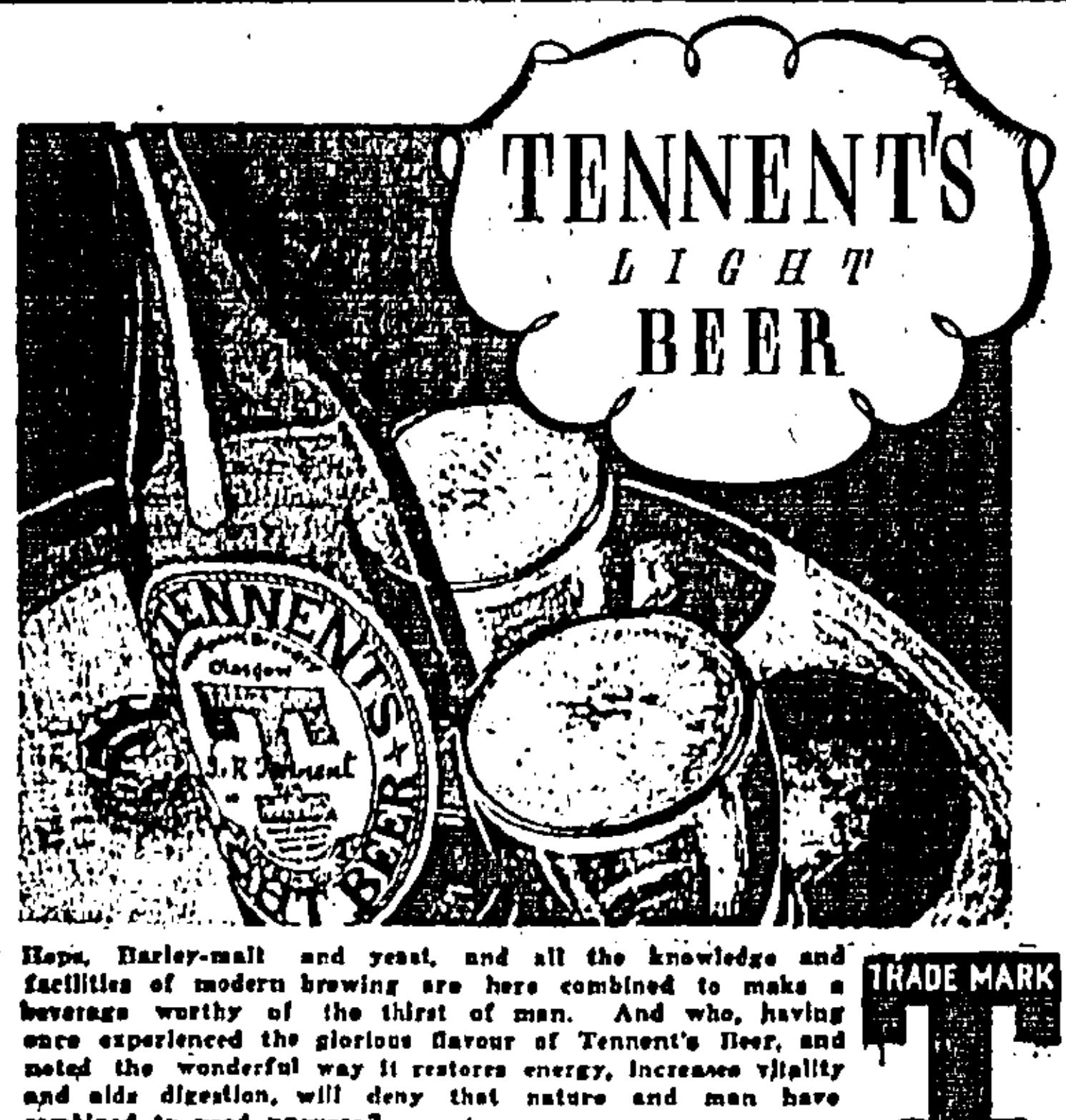


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The Palestine Problem

Sir.—It was Omar ibn al-Khattab who stated that:

"A half perhaps divides the False and True. Yet, and a slight Alif were the clue..." Your correspondent writing on Palestine in the Saturday issue of your esteemed journal, in reply to my letter considers it "an anything but fair-minded attitude to the situation in the Holy Land," which, of course, is a question of relativity. Nevertheless, the statement in my letter that "the Jewish community have so ably succeeded in maintaining law and order" which he ridicules, happens to be a direct statement made by Mr. Richard Crossman, the Labour member of the House of Commons who, as an eye witness, expressed this viewpoint in a letter

to the *New Statesman*.

I agree that murder and violence are indefensible, but desperation leads to the use of these as political weapons. In the history of nearly every nation, similar parallels are to be found, as evidenced by the murder of Mahatma Gandhi in India, Sheikh el-Banna and Nokrashi Pash in Egypt, and many other recent cases. The actions of a few irresponsible terrorists should not be attributed to a nation.

I challenge your correspondent to substantiate his allegation that the tens of thousands of Palestinian Arabs have had their farms and villages taken from them by the invading colonists. Every square inch of land has been purchased and paid for in full and in the majority of cases many times the value of the land. Not an inch of land has been forcibly expropriated from the rightful owners. One has only to consult the findings of the Shaw Commission to note this fact.

My reference to the Jews defending their own country which your correspondent describes as a rather questionable phrase and further that the Jews have the same claim to Palestine as the Italians had to Abyssinia or the Japanese in China makes me feel sorry for your correspondent's mentality. He forgets that all the great powers of 1918—Britain in particular—enforced the Mandate, the preamble of which reads:

"Whereas recognition has there-by been given to the historical connection of the Jewish people with Palestine and to the grounds for reconstituting their national home in that country etc. . . ."

The fundamental rights connected with the historical connection of a people with their homeland, according to International Law, is dependent upon the following conditions:

(1) The nation which is recognised as having "historical connection" with a given territory must have been at one time in possession of that territory.

(2) It is essential that the people claiming the benefit of "historical connection" with a given territory should not have previously renounced it, either explicitly or tacitly.

(3) The people which claims the benefit of "historical connection" shall not have lost its distinct national character.

(4) The people claiming the benefit of "historical connection" with a given territory shall not have acquired in the meantime any other national territory of its own.

These conditions fitting in with the claims of the Jews for the Holy Land, prompted the Allied Powers and Britain, in particular to issue the Balfour Declaration and ratify the Mandate in San Remo. Another point to remember, which Dr. Weizmann so pitifully put it, is the BIBLE is the Mandate of the Jews.

The citation is made that "the population is enjoying more law and order and civil liberty since the Arab Revolt of 1936," which your correspondent dismisses as presented, is not mine but that of Mr. Richard Crossman and is the considered opinion of a fair-minded Englishman and parliamentarian, and I have no reason to disbelieve him.

It might be said in contradiction to my above comment that hotels might be forced out of business as a result of the reduction of the hotel rates? but no hotel may be closed as a result of the management deciding to go out of business, in which event the premises would be requisitioned and operated by the Government, and all residents would remain in the rooms they now occupy.

In reply to this, I would like to know how the government could operate the same business without reduction in the standard of services and without coming out in the short end of the budget if the present hotel management believes it cannot.

Then again, since when does the government of a democracy have the power to "private enterprise" out of business and then attempt to take over this enterprise themselves? It sounds to me more like communism than democracy.

It is also my opinion that to reside in a hotel operated, and subsidised by the government would not be a particularly desirable place, since the spirit of competition would be lacking.

As we all know, the most desirous principle in a democracy is free enterprise and the spirit of competition. I'm opposed to enterprises in which enormous profits are made, but I am also opposed to such action by government which prevents business enterprise from making a reasonable margin of profit.

In conclusion, your correspondent would do well to note Omar's famous line:

"The moving finger writes; and having writ, moves on; not all your plato nor wit shall lure it back to cancel half a line. Nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

FAIR-MINDED

A Unique Protest

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this in my expense. This may sound strange, but what I mean by "at my expense" is precisely this.

As a business man I have enough business sense to know that when you cannot make ends meet, let alone make a profit, you automatically go out of the particular business you are in and try something else. What comes to my mind in connection with the reduction of the hotel rates is what happens to me should the management of the hotel that I am staying in find itself in such a position. As I see it, the management of any hotel when faced with the compulsory reduction in their rates and see their profits disappearing, have only two alternatives.

1. To reduce on their overheads or (2) To close down. But

I understand from the papers that a law will be passed that will prohibit hotel managements from reducing their standards of service, thus preventing the reduction of overheads.

That leaves us with the second alternative of going out of business. Should such an event come about, I would obviously inform myself being informed that the hotel is closing down and that I must vacate my room. This, then, will be the privilege of having cheaper rates at "my expense."

I have been a resident of a particular hotel for the past two years, during which time I have been quite satisfied with the rates and the standard of services. I estimate that the new rates will save me somewhat less than a hundred dollars per month. I am not in such a poor financial position that I would care to save this small sum at the risk of losing my room.

In which event, I ask you, where would I and all the other residents, of the same hotel find satisfactory accommodation at the same rates—being led to understand that a number of hotels are exempt from control? This is another question which comes to my mind: How is it that some hotels will be controlled and others will not?

During the two years that my family and I have resided in this hotel, I have been looking for a flat or a house, not because I am dissatisfied with the hotel rates, but for other obvious reasons. Well, we're still in a hotel. Why? Not because there aren't any flats or houses—I've found a few. If I had had the price of the key money or the fancy rent that they have been asking I could have moved in long ago. I, for one, do not have that kind of money and if I did I doubt if I would be a party to such a vicious racket.

I can't understand why the hotels, some of which have been quite reasonable in their rates, have been selected from others to be attacked in this manner while there is a perfectly good law in existence against the key-money which continues virtually unnoticed when all that is required is some law enforcement.

The existence of law is useless without enforcement. It would seem to me that the Government could spend their time more usefully figuring out ways to enforce the laws they already have in existence than spending their time passing new laws that could be more harmful to the general public than good.

It might be said in contradiction to my above comment that hotels might be forced out of business as a result of the reduction of the hotel rates? but no hotel may be closed as a result of the management deciding to go out of business, in which event the premises would be requisitioned and operated by the Government, and all residents would remain in the rooms they now occupy.

In reply to this, I would like to know how the government could operate the same business without reduction in the standard of services and without coming out in the short end of the budget if the present hotel management believes it cannot.

Then again, since when does the government of a democracy have the power to "private enterprise" out of business and then attempt to take over this enterprise themselves? It sounds to me more like communism than democracy.

It is also my opinion that to reside in a hotel operated, and subsidised by the government would not be a particularly desirable place, since the spirit of competition would be lacking.

As we all know, the most desirous principle in a democracy is free enterprise and the spirit of competition. I'm opposed to enterprises in which enormous profits are made, but I am also opposed to such action by government which prevents business enterprise from making a reasonable margin of profit.

In conclusion, your correspondent would do well to note Omar's famous line:

THE MOVING FINGER WRITES;

"The moving finger writes; and having writ, moves on; not all your plato nor wit shall lure it back to cancel half a line. Nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

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ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 23rd day of February, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:

- To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
- To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1948.

- To elect two Directors.
- To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS:

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 14th February, 1949, to the 28th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

NOTICE

THE CROWN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that Mr. Lee Yong-Chang has resigned his appointment as an Authorised Representative of this company, with effect from the 14th February, 1949, and that he is no longer associated with the company.

All Policyholders who have previously conducted their affairs in consultation with Mr. Y. C. Lee are requested to communicate direct with the undersigned in future regarding all matters in connection with their policies.

JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents, Hong Kong & Macao.

NATURALIZATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Vasilevold Nicolaevich Vargasoff of 45 Morrison Hill Road, 3rd floor is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written statement to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 8th to the 22nd day of March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong on Tuesday 8th March 1949 at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948 and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

NOTICE is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th February 1949 to the 8th March 1949 both days inclusive during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

AND NOTICE is hereby also given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on the same day at 12.30 p.m. or so soon afterwards as the Ordinary General Meeting shall be concluded, when the subjoined Resolution will be submitted:

By Order of the Board,

A. MORSE,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixtieth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Friday, 25th February, 1949, at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st October, 1948, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 15th February, 1949, to Friday, 25th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LTD., General Managers.

Hong Kong, Feb. 7, 1949.

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By Order of the Board,

W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 22, 1949.

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Notice is hereby given that the Exclusive Authorised Representative of Jantzen Knitting Mills in China and Hongkong is

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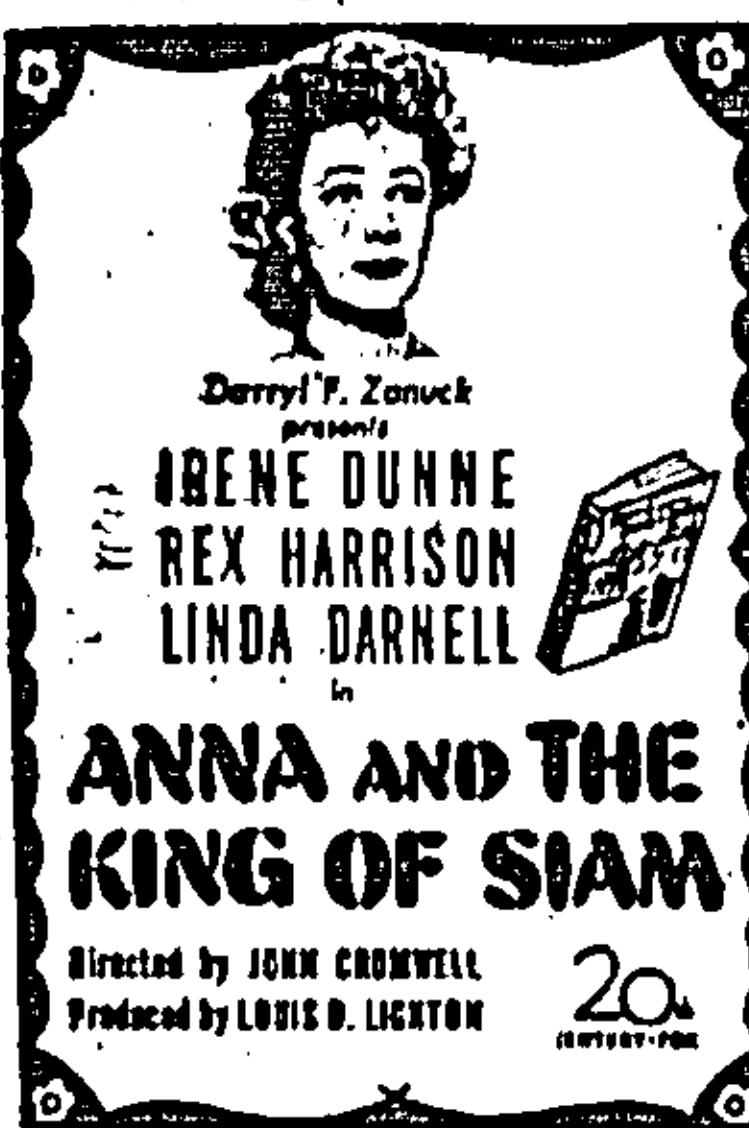
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VIETNAMESE TO CONTINUE STRUGGLE AGAINST FRENCH

Paris, February 21. The Vietnamese people would not lay down their arms in their struggle against the French for independence even if Bao Dai, the ex-Emperor of Annam, returned to Indo-China with an agreement for the unity and independence of the country. Dr. Ho Chi-minh, the Vietminh (Indo-Chinese autonomist) leader, declared today over the Viet-Minh Radio and reported by Agence France Presse from Saigon. Do Ho's statement coincided with the arrival of Bao Dai here from Cannes for the final negotiations intended to prepare his return to Saigon as head of the Vietnam Republic. Well informed French quarters close to Bao Dai were optimistic today about the outcome of these negotiations, which began last June.

Britain has for some time been indicating to the French Government through her diplomatic representatives her anxiety over the French situation in Indo-China, usually reliable sources in Paris disclosed. Consultation between Britain and France on the situation in South East Asia was "more or less continuous," they added.

The French news agency reported a revival of the Nationalist "terrorism" in Saigon during the past week. Grenades exploded in different parts of the town every night, the agency said. In the latest attack, 11 Indo-Chinese were wounded.

Partisans of Dr. Ho Chi Minh also set fire to a sawmill on the outskirts of the town. It was added.

Ex-Emperor Bao Dai arrived in Paris today from Southern France to negotiate with the French Government for his return to Indo-China as Chief of State of Vietnam which comprises three of the five provinces of Indo-China-Tonkin, Annam and Cochinchina.

The Ex-Emperor stated recently that he would not return to Indo-China until the French National Assembly had specifically endorsed the inclusion of Cochinchina in the Vietnam State. Certain French quarters are opposed to this inclusion.

Agreement Expected

Officials close to the ex-Emperor said today that the negotiations were entering "their final phase" and seemed hopeful that an agreement would soon be reached for his return. The ex-Emperor came to Paris at the invitation of the French President, M. Vincent Auriol.

Communist Gains Reported In Burma

Rangoon, February 21. Combined forces of Karen and Communist rebels have occupied the Central Burma towns of Pyinmana, Yamethin and Meiktila, it was officially stated today. Meiktila is the headquarters of the North Burma Army. By their capture of Meiktila the insurgents control about 300 kilometres of road and railway connecting the capital of Rangoon with Mandalay.

Using a Dakota plane, the insurgents had seized the airfield at Meiktila, between Rangoon and Mandalay. The Karens were reported unofficially to have landed and captured the aerodrome at Amsaken, 30 miles north of Mandalay. The

plane belonged to the Cathay Pacific Airlines and it had been requisitioned by the Burmese Army who tried to contact the town by radio and were seeking news of the plane.

The capture of the plane was reported by an American pilot, Captain Cederberg, whose Siamese-owned Trans-Asiatic Airways Dakota plane narrowly escaped a similar fate.

Returning here today, he described how he suspected trouble when armed men tried to enter his plane as it touched down at Meiktila. He said he took off at

once, causing the men to be flung off the plane.

The insurgents now already hold Pu and Toungoo, 35 and 170 miles north of Rangoon.

An official spokesman here said the rebels were reported to be advancing northwards towards Mandalay, presumably to rescue Karen soldiers disarmed by Government forces.

Burmese Air Force planes today bombed Karen positions in Insein, near here, and Chin Riflemen in the Government Army captured more positions in the town, it was reported.

A Government communiqué added that after Government forces had entered the railway workshops at Gyagon, South of Insein, heavy fighting took place and the Karens made unsuccessful attempts to break through the lines of the attackers.—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T.
12.15 p.m.—Morning Prayers. (Studio)
12.30 p.m.—"Daily Program Summary."
12.45 p.m.—"Sunday" Bighouse and Patrick Hand. (BBCBS)
1.00 p.m.—Harry Horlick and His Orchestra.

1.15 p.m.—News Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"Pop Shows."

2.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

2.01 p.m.—"Maker of Musical Puzzles."

—Childrens Half Hour (Studio) A Feature Programme written by Ruth Kirby.

3.00 p.m.—Jimmy Dorsey and His Orchestra.

4.00 p.m.—Pete Valderrama at the Piano. (Studio)

7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

7.10 p.m.—Margaret Imre (Violin) and the Olympic Orchestra, and Joseph Schenck (Piano).

7.30 p.m.—London Studio Melodies. A Programme of Continuous Music by the Masqueraders, with Wilfrid Parry (Piano). (BBCBS)

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)

8.10 p.m.—Interlude.

8.15 p.m.—"It's in the Air" Variety Request Programme presented by Ruth Kirby (Studio)

9.15 p.m.—"The Art of Living" by James Lever. (BBCBS)

9.30 p.m.—"Anthology" Presented by Clifford Daville. (Studio)

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

10.15 p.m.—"Tom Jones" Founded upon Fielding's Novel. Music by Sir Edward Elgar. With John Duley, Edith Levin, Kathleen Connor, Frederick Harvey, Clifford Daville, Dudley Ralph, BBC Midland Chorus and Light Orchestra conducted by Gilbert Viner. (London Relay)

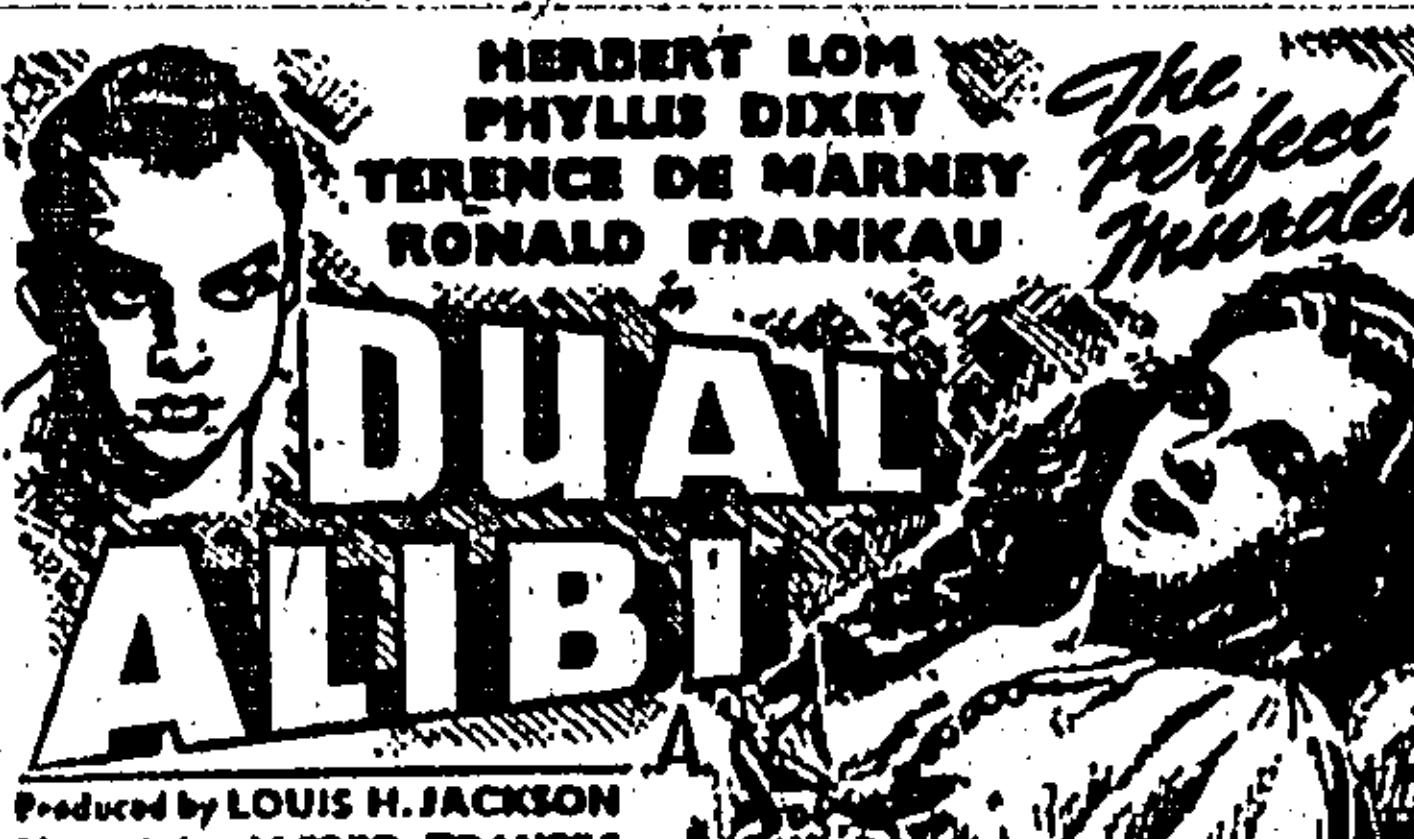
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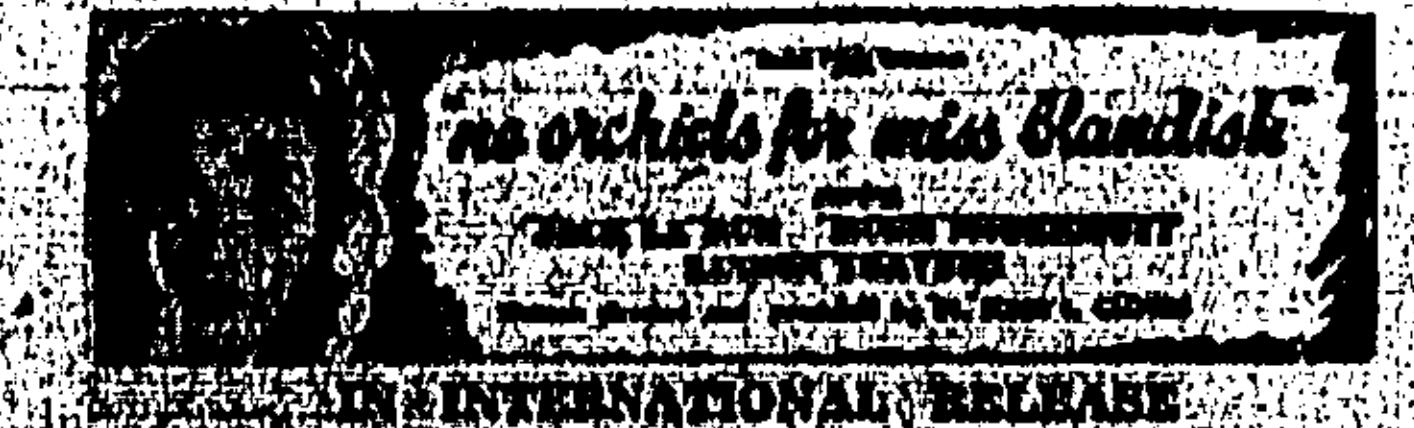
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WINSTON CHURCHILL'S WAR MEMOIRS: THE SECOND BOOK

THEIR FINEST HOUR

It Was Taken For Granted
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FUTURE generations may deem it noteworthy that the supreme question of whether we should fight on alone, never found a place upon the War Cabinet Agenda. It was taken for granted and as a matter of course by these men of all Parties in the State, and we were much too busy to waste time upon such unreal, academic issues. We were united also in viewing the new phase with good confidence.

It was decided to tell the Dominions the whole facts. I was invited to send a message in the same sense to President Roosevelt, and also to sustain the determination of the French Government and assure them of our utmost support.

On June 13, 1940, I made my last visit to France for four years almost to a day. The French Government had now withdrawn to Tours, and tension had mounted steadily. I took Edward Hallifax and General Ismay with me, and Max Beaverbrook volunteered to come too. In trouble he is always buoyant. This time the weather was cloudless, and we sailed over in the midst of our Hurricane squadron, making however a rather wider sweep to the Southward than before. Arrived over Tours, we found the airport had been heavily bombed the night before, but we and all our escort landed smoothly in spite of the craters.

Immediately one sensed the increasing degeneration of affairs. No one came to meet us or seemed to expect us. We borrowed a Service car from the Station Commander and motored into the city, making for the Prefecture, where it was said the French Government had their headquarters. No one of consequence was there, but Reynaud was reported to be motorizing from the country, and Mandel was also to arrive soon.

Silky Manner

It being already nearly 2 o'clock, I insisted upon luncheon, and after some parleyings we drove through streets crowded with refugees' cars, most of them with a mattress on top and crammed with luggage. We found a cafe which was closed, but after explanations we obtained a meal. During luncheon I was visited by M. Baudouin, an official of the French Foreign Office, whose influence had risen in these latter days. He began at once in his soft, silky manner about the hopelessness of the French resistance. If the United States would declare war on Germany, it might be possible for France to continue. What did I think about this? I did not discuss the question further than to say that I hoped America would come in, and that we should certainly fight on. Afterwards, I was told, spread it about that I had agreed that France should surrender unless the States came in.

It is unlikely in our opinion that any hotelier will close his doors because of the new regulations. And presumably the new ordinance implies, if it does not state in watertight fashion, that all normal facilities must still be provided under the new rates. If this is so, any resident could invoke the law if these were revoked.

To anticipate official comment should hotels go out of business, our correspondent says that government might indeed take over the closed properties (although he wouldn't like to live in one under such conditions), but he asks if it is government's intention to drive private enterprises out of business and then run the concerns themselves? A fair question, even if unlikely to require an answer.

He does, however, make one point which has been discussed time and again throughout the colony: in the shortage of accommodation, are hotel proprietors such big sharks as compared with the owners of new houses and flats? Do the present rentals even approximate the increased costs of building? And just what justifies the key money racket, apart from sheer opportunism? No one with any sense would deny that the stamping out of this vicious system would be extremely difficult, through lack of evidence mainly.

There is no doubt that such practices flourish only because the public panders to them and will not complain. It is reprehensible but understandable that a tenant who has agreed to pay key money will not report the matter to the police. But what of the man—with his wife as witness—who has been offered a flat only on payment of an exorbitant sum, and refused it?

Surely he is lacking in his obvious duty—if he does no

hand. Hence arose the alternative of armistice and peace.

Mr. Reynaud proceeded to say that the Council of Ministers had on the previous day instructed him to inquire what would be Britain's attitude should the worst come. He himself was well aware of the solemn pledge that no separate peace would be entered into by either ally. General Weygand, and others pointed out that France had already sacrificed

everything in the common cause.

She had nothing left; but she had succeeded in greatly weakening the common foe.

It would in those circumstances be a shock if Britain failed to concede that France was physically unable to carry on, if France was still expected to fight on and thus deliver up her people to the certainty of corruption and evil transformation at the hands of ruthless conquerors in the art of bringing conquered peoples to heel. That then was the question which he had to put. Would Great Britain realize the hard facts with which France was faced?

Official Record

The official British record reads as follows:

Mr. Churchill said that Great Britain realised how much France had suffered and was suffering. Her own turn would come, and she was ready. She grieved to find that her contribution to the land struggle was at present so small,

owing to the reverses which had been met with as a result of applying an agreed strategy in the North. The British had not yet felt the German lash, but were aware of its force. They nevertheless had but one thought: to win the war and destroy Hitlerism. Everything was subordinate to that aim; no difficulties, no regrets, could stand in the way.

He was well assured of British capacity for enduring and persisting, for striking back till the foe was beaten. They would therefore hope that France would carry on fighting South of Paris down to the sea, and if need be from North Africa.

At all costs time must be gained. The period of waiting was not limitless: a pledge from the United States would make it quite short.

The alternative course meant destruction for France quite as certainly. Hitler would abide by no pledges. If, on the other hand, France remained in the struggle, with her fine Navy, her great Empire, her Army still able to carry on guerrilla warfare on gigantic scale, and if Germany failed to destroy England, which she must do or go under, if then Germany's might in the air was broken, then the whole hateful edifice of Nazidom would totter over.

Never Doubted

Given immediate help from America, perhaps, even a declaration of war, victory was not so far off. At all events England would fight on. She had not and would not alter her resolve: no terms, no surrender. The alternatives for her were death or victory. That was his answer to M. Reynaud's question.

M. Reynaud replied that he had never doubted England's determination. He was, however, anxious to know how the British Government would react in a certain contingency. The French Government—the present one or another—might say: "We know you will carry on. We would also, if we see no sufficient hopes of an early victory. We cannot count on American help. There is no light at the end of the tunnel. We cannot abandon our people to indefinite German domination. We must come to terms. We have no choice...."

It was already too late to organise a redoubt in Brittany. Nowhere would a genuine French Government have a hope of escaping capture on French soil.... The question to Britain would therefore take the form: "Will you acknowledge your defeat?"

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WAR STILL POSSIBLE, WARNS MONTGOMERY

Preparedness Essential LONDON AGAIN A TARGET

Zurich, Switzerland, February 21. Viscount Montgomery, Commander-in-Chief of the West European Defence Union, said today that the world has not yet reached the stage where mankind, by reasoning alone, can end war. Addressing the Swiss-British Society in Zurich, Viscount Montgomery said: "We are supposed to be at peace, but it is a very uneasy peace which broods over the world."

"Only a few madmen like fighting," said Viscount Montgomery. He warned that "we must be clear that war is always a possibility for which a nation must be prepared."

"In the troubled world in which we live today, unpreparedness and unreadiness for war is merely to place a high trump card, possibly the highest, in the hands of a potential enemy," he said.

Communist Sympathies Alleged

Washington, February 21. Senator Harry Cain today alleged that Mr Mong Wallgren filled his State offices with Communists and Communist sympathisers when he (Wallgren) was Governor of Washington.

Senator Cain told the Senate Armed Services Committee that Mr Wallgren had personally appointed at least one known Communist to head the State Social Security Board. He named the man as Mr. John Coughlin.

The Committee is considering President Truman's nomination of Mr. Wallgren to head the National Security Resources Board, major defence agency charged with preparing plans for total mobilisation in case of war.

Republican members of the Committee were disturbed by Senator Cain's charges, particularly when he claimed he could prove everything he said.

Senator Wayne Morse said: "If you can show this man was soft on the appointment of Communists, then I won't vote for him." —United Press.

Administration Of Colonies

London, February 21. The former Italian colonies of Cyrenaica and Tripolitania are in future to be administered by the Foreign Office instead of the War Office, Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State, told Parliament today.

Replying to a question about the future administration of the former Italian colonies, Mr. McNeil said: "These territories have, since their liberation, been the administrative responsibility of the Secretary of War. In view of the large degree of civilianisation which has taken place, particularly in the administration of Cyrenaica and Tripolitania, it has been decided that it would be more logical that the administrative responsibility for these two territories should be transferred to the Foreign Secretary."

"The future of the administrations in Eritrea and the former Italian Somaliland is still under consideration." —Reuter.



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No Commitment Yet Made

London, February 21. No Government involved in the Atlantic Pact discussions had yet committed itself to any military obligations, Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State, told the House of Commons today. He was asked for an assurance that no commitment to automatic belligerency or to military action would be accepted under the pact which was not also accepted by all other nations which were parties to it.

Mr. McNeil told the pacifist Labour Member, Mr. Emrys Hughes, that the defence arrangements under the United Nations Charter could in no way constitute a breach of the Anglo-Soviet treaty of 1942.

Mr. Hughes had asked whether the Army had terminated

its discussions for an assurance that the Atlantic Pact would not be signed until the British Government was satisfied that such action was not a breach of Britain's agreement with Russia.

Mr. McNeil replied that the treaty would remain in force for 20 years and thereafter unless 12 months notice was given by either side until either side had given notice to end it. Mr. McNeil added that the British Government would never be a party to aggressive intentions.

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The two essential cards to hold are national security and economic stability. These two cards are interdependent. Without them, a nation is certain sooner or later to have to sacrifice its principles, independence, freedom and traditional way of life or else face defeat in war and be overrun by the enemy.

Burst On Us

"An army, remodelled to suit modern conditions, is still an essential partner in spite of the introduction of mass destructive weapons. As in the past, we have to be prepared for battle on London."

Today, the nations are anaemic from the losses of six years of destruction in World War II which burst on us before we had really recovered from World War I." The Field Marshal said.

We are living in difficult times. The world is restless and critical. It is riven by two conflicting ideological doctrines. Fear is abroad."

Referring to Switzerland's place in the present setting, Viscount Montgomery said: "There must never be any doubt Switzerland's ability or about her state of readiness to fight in defence of her neutrality. Within the ramparts of its mighty mountains should be found freedom and justice for all men for all time."

A study of the map shows that Switzerland is situated astride the principal communication routes of central Europe," he said. "If Switzerland, modified in any way her traditional policy of neutrality, she would be in danger of becoming a battlefield for the armies of the belligerents and might well become annihilated."

Firm Resolve

He said that the Swiss are a solid people and have a strength of character and that

S. Korean Application

Lake Success, February 21. The Republic of Southern Korea has applied for associate membership of the United Nations Commission for Asia and the Far East. In a letter to the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, the Korean Foreign Minister has asked the Economic and Social Council to consider the application during its present session.

Associate members of the Commission can participate, without voting, in all meetings and are eligible as members of any organ of the Commission.

Hong Kong, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, Laos and the Malayan Union are associate members. —Reuter.

United States Africa Forecast

London, February 21. The eventual emergence of a United States of Africa, embodying the Western Union's African territories, was forecast today by Colonial Office sources.

Studying proposals for a Central African Federation, the sources said the Victoria Falls conference envisaged a Federal union which was "likely to commend itself to African opinion and to the Colonial Office."

They referred to proposals for a Union of North and South Rhodesia and Nyasaland in a Central African Union.

They said this would probably be followed by similar proposals to unify Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika as an East African Union, and the West African colonies to form a Western African Union.

The sources then said: "The next step would be federation of these three new unions with the Union of South Africa, and finally, with the progress of the Western Union in Europe, would come federation with the French, Belgian and Portuguese territories to form a United States of Africa."

Advantage To Europe They said integration of these African territories would be an advantage of expansion for modern war." —United Press.

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Building Of New Navy Pending

London, February 21. The Chiefs of the Admiralty are still awaiting guidance from the scientists before building the new kind of navy needed in the atomic age. Britain's Navy Estimates for 1949-50, published today, indicated.

In an official Parliamentary paper published with the Estimates, Lord Hall, the First Lord of the Admiralty, announced that he did not propose this year to undertake any substantial programme of new construction. The policy during the forthcoming year will be directed to the improvement by all possible means of the state of readiness of the fleet, Lord Hall stated.

It will also be directed to vigorous research and development on which the maintenance of the traditional efficiency of the Royal Navy, particularly in the years ahead, will so largely depend.

The Estimates amount to £189,250,000, an increase of £36,250,000 over last year. They revealed that only nine warships will be under construction on March 31 this year—one fleet aircraft carrier, one light fleet aircraft carrier and seven destroyers.

The Admiralty in the coming year will spend £7,180,000 on scientific services and research, the Estimates revealed. Last year's figure was £6,892,000.

Counter Attacks

Lord Hall's introductory statement to the Estimates declared: "The maintenance of our sea communications in any future war will depend in a high degree on the ability of the Navy, in co-operation with the Royal Air Force, successfully to counter attacks by weapons of a familiar kind but of greatly improved efficiency, and against weapons which have so far not been used at sea."

About one-half of the increases arises from additional liability, chiefly improvements in naval and civilian improvements, exhaustion of war stocks and higher prices. The remainder represents additional provision to maintain and improve the state of readiness of the fleet in particular for refitting ships in reserve for the replacement of essential stocks.

Provision is made for a maximum strength of 153,000 for the Royal Navy, Marines and ancillary services, with 1,400 Royal Marine police. This figure includes 7,200 for the Women's Royal Naval Service and 300 for the Queen Alexander Royal Naval Nursing Service. It also includes approximately 5,000 men and women on release leave and some 3,000 local entrants abroad.

They described Africa as an indispensable communications line connecting with Ceylon, Malaya and Australia, which at the same time provides Europe with defence-in-depth in the event of a major war. They also said the envisaged federation would possess "potential manpower which to some extent would take the place once filled by the Indian Army and providing for an Army capable of expansion for modern war." —United Press.

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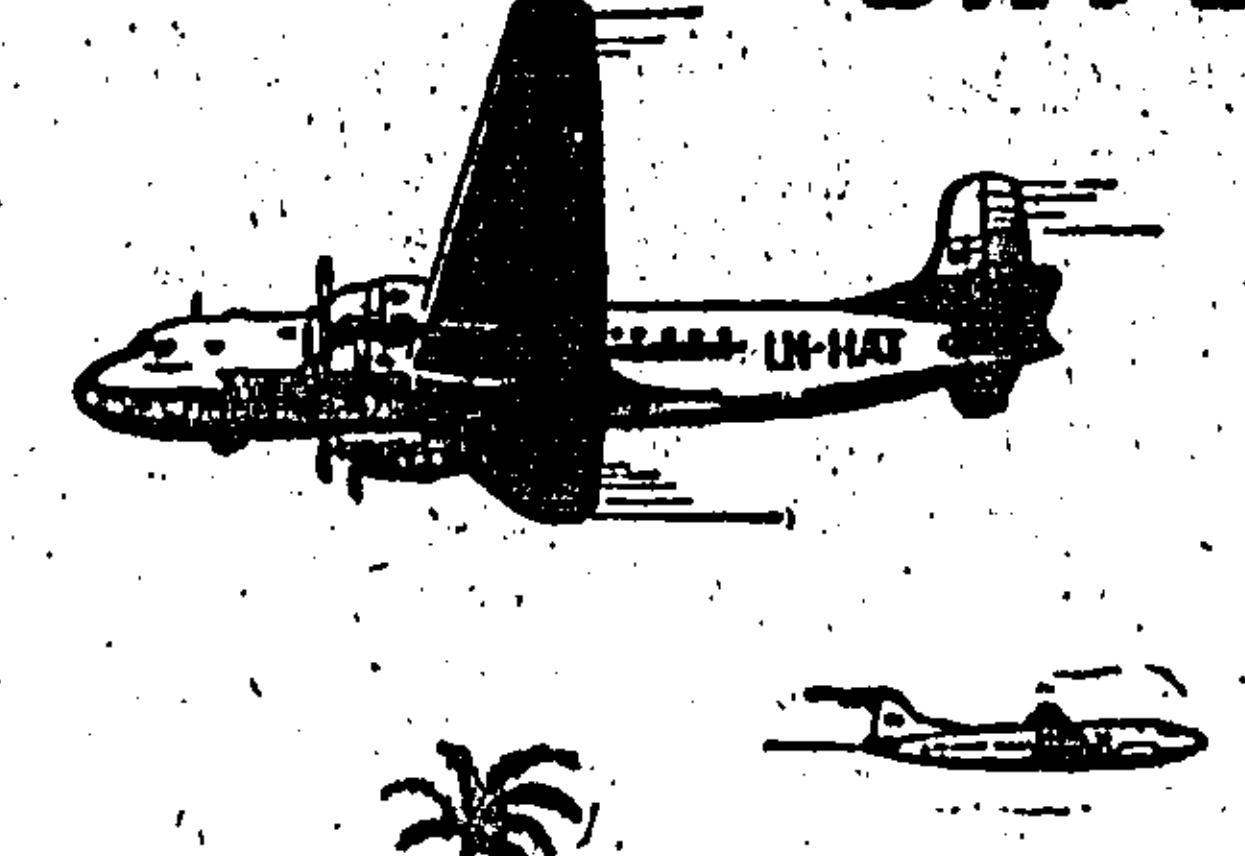
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Beauty Secrets

By Claudia

My recent article on some of the most common mistakes in applying make-up has brought a number of enquiries about several kinds of make-up problems.

It is, after all, the many little "tricks of the trade" which are so well worth the trouble of finding out. There is no secret about them, except, perhaps, the knack of learning and remembering. But they do help us to get the very best out of our beauty aids and preparations.

Some may seem small points, too few you can choose from. Indeed... but each one makes a big difference to the finished "you".

How to achieve that porcelain look, the pearly glow which makes your complexion something quite out of this world! Simply wear a lighter powder over a darker tint of foundation. Try it and see.

Powder secret... dab some powder on to the palm of your hand. Now spread your hand open and see how the powder has emphasised every line in the palm. That, on a mild scale, is what often happens to the face. If you have lines at the corners of mouth or eyes, see that, when powdering, you hold them open, very gently, with the fingers of the other hand... so that you powder into the lines, as well as over them.

Eye Care Routine

Eye secret... three things to know about eye care and make-up. Two combine to make a routine for sparce lashes. If your lashes

are too few, you can choose from a number of well-known eyelash growers, but you will not find anything to beat plain castor oil. Smear a trace over the lids by day and over the lashes too, at night. A two ounce bottle will last for ages.

Now the make-up, for sparse lashes. Of course, if you have plenty of time and money, you can go all-out and fit yourself with false ones. Meanwhile, there's a simple way of making those scanty lashes look twice as thick and three times as handsome. Just powder them thickly before you apply mascara. Then put on three coats, letting each coat dry before applying the next.

To give the eyes a special shine and lustre for some very special occasion, you can get a tiny bottle or quite harmless drops. With

each bottle goes a little dropper. One drop, in each eye will enhance their beauty amazingly.

PHOTOGRAPHIC TEXTILES



A new textile printing technique by which photographs are used in conjunction with the silk screen process has been invented in Australia by textile designer Gerald Herbet, of Prestige Ltd, Melbourne.

The Phototex process is similar to that used in making blocks for newspaper photographs. A half-tone negative of the photograph to be reproduced is made with a process camera.

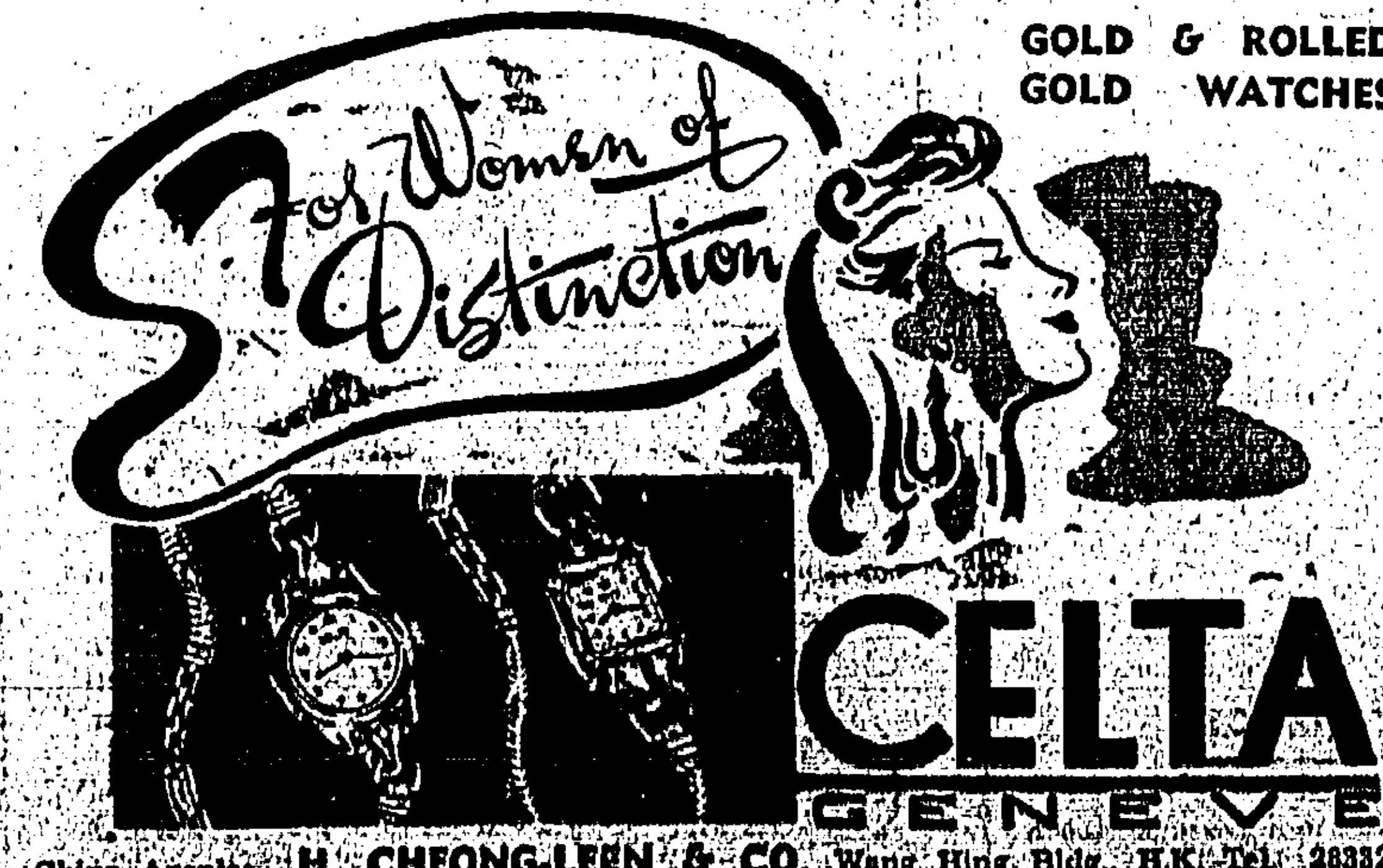
A piece of bolting silk is then sensitized in the same way as is the fabric by the normal silk screen method.

Mr. Herbet has also successfully printed continuous tone negatives on textiles, the method in this case being to sensitize the textiles themselves and print the design photographically. He finds the Phototex method cheaper and more practical, and considers that its stipple effect is more suited to the textile medium.

Most of the early Phototex designs featured portraits, but landscapes have also been used effectively. One design features a Swiss mountain landscape. Trees, mountain, sky and stream are reproduced in detail with delicate gradations of tone, making a rich and attractive design.

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CHANGE IN JAPAN POLICY NOT DISCUSSED

London, February 21.

The British Government has received no representations from the United States Government with a view to changing the Allied policy over the occupation of Japan, Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State, told Parliament today.

He was replying to a question by a Labour Member, Mr. Raymond Blackburn. He also said, in reply to another question, that in view of the diversity of opinions on the composition and voting procedure of a Japanese peace conference, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, knew of no useful initiative that could be taken at present for a conference.

Neither did he at present contemplate any step towards the early resumption of direct relations between Britain and the Government of Japan.

Mr. William Teeling, Conservative, had asked what were the procedural difficulties blocking progress towards a peace treaty with Japan and what was being done to overcome them. He also asked if the Foreign Secretary would consider devising some other instrument which would enable Japanese reparations and debts to be decided finally and liquidated and to enable the British Government to deal directly with the elected Japanese Government on trade and other matters vitally concerning Britain and Japan.

Differences Noted

Mr. McNeil replied: "There are differences among the powers concerned as to the composition and voting procedure of a Japanese peace conference. By far the most important of these arises from the insistence of the Soviet Union that the Far Eastern settlement is primarily a matter for consideration by the Council of Foreign Ministers."

"The British Government, on the other hand, consider that the countries which actually carried the burden of the conflict against the Japanese, and in particular the Commonwealth countries and Burma, should rank equally with the major powers in the drafting of the treaty."

"In view of the divergence of these opinions, the Foreign Secretary knows of no useful initiative that could be taken at present. With regard to reparations, this and the closely-related question of Japan's future level of industry are subjects for consideration by the Far Eastern Commission, where our repre-



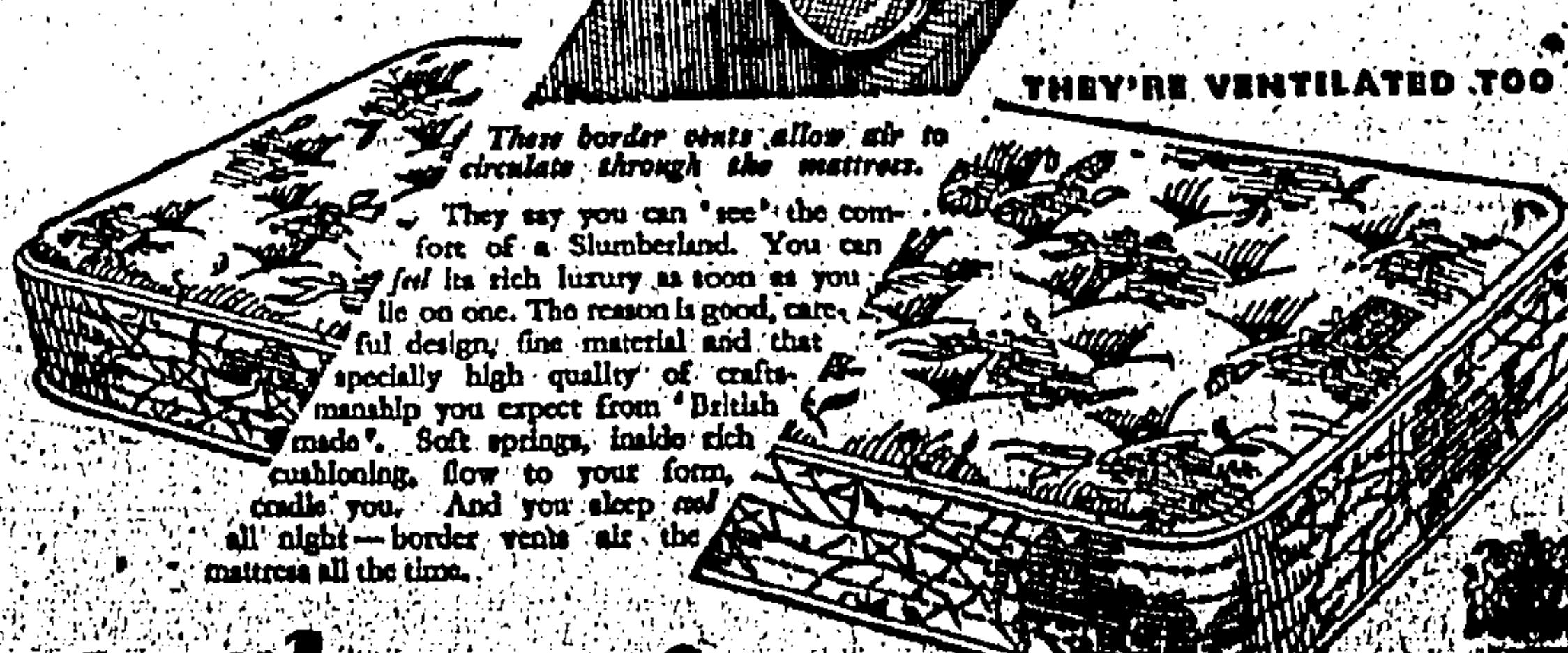
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CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Own Story Of The War In Europe

Tokyo, February 21.
Major General Charles Willoughby, General Douglas MacArthur's intelligence chief, announced tonight that he would not claim immunity in any legal action which might be taken by Miss Agnes Smedley, the American writer who has been accused of being a Soviet spy.

Major General Willoughby said in a special statement that he was not responsible for the release of a report

from the United States Army Headquarters in Tokyo which told a sensational story of a Russian spy ring which was said to have foisted the Japanese Cabinet and the German Embassy in Tokyo of secrets which helped turn the tide of war.

Miss Smedley, who spent more than 12 years in the Far East, was alleged to have been connected with this pre-war ring, led by a German journalist, Dr. Richard George.

Major General Willoughby said he would welcome action against him as an American citizen so as to emphasize the "looming dangers which threaten American civilisation in subversive systems hiding behind and protected by free institutions."—Reuter.

ACCIDENTS IN ITALIAN STRIKE

Rome, February 21.
A nationwide transport strike Rome, February 21.

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In a BBC radio interview, Mr. Romulo, Philippine delegate to the United Nations, represented his country at the New Delhi conference, which, he emphasised, acted strictly within the framework of the United Nations.

The strike was called by the

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Union to protest against the

government move to lay off workers.

The walkout affected provincial railways and trolley and bus services in cities and towns.

—United Press.

Philippines Seek Additional U.S. Aid

Washington, February 22.
Francisco Delgado, a Philippine War Damage Commissioner, said yesterday he hopes the U.S. Congress will grant the Philippines an additional US\$400,000,000 to US\$800,000,000 this session for further reimbursement of island war losses.

The Commission at present is disbursing US\$510,000,000 granted the Republic by the United States for payment of public and private war losses.

However, Delgado said in an interview, "This fund will pay only about one-third the value of claims already established."

Delgado said Philippine President Elpidio Quirino "hopes to come to Washington soon, and I believe obtaining an additional United States authorisation for island war losses will be one of his principal objectives."

Delgado said President Harry Truman has assured him of his "sympathetic interest" toward additional funds for the Philippines.

He said that if Congress grants an additional US\$400,000,000 "rehabilitation of these claims will have been accomplished on a practicable basis, while an extra US\$800,000,000 extra will be obtained, complete reimbursement of losses will be made."

In testimony before the House Committee on request for US\$180,000,000 to finance claims payments during the coming fiscal year, Delgado said, vari-

ous Congressmen expressed inclinations to grant additional funds.

"However," he added, "the Philippines is but part of the global demand upon the United States, and our needs must be treated accordingly."

He said the Philippines is battling against inflation and Communism, "American assistance to us," he said, "helps this battle for ourselves and also the United States."

Delgado said he believed an additional purpose of President Quirino's projected trip to Washington would be to obtain additional Export Import Bank financing for an Island rehabilitation programme.

Delgado and other War Dam-

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Here is the true, long-term assurance that democracy may mean and skillful organisation may see it safely through a crisis, but only if basically the democracy of our day satisfies the mental, moral, and physical wants of the masses living under it can it continue to exist.

We believe individual liberty, rooted in human dignity, is man's greatest treasure. We believe that men, given free expression of their will, prefer freedom and self-dependence to dictatorship and collectivism. From the evidence, it would appear that the Communists also believe this; else why do they attack and attempt to destroy the practice of those concepts? Were they completely confident in the rectitude and apparent of their own doctrine, there would be no necessity for them to follow an aggressive policy. Time would be the only ally they needed if Communism as a spiritual force and moral inspiration appealed more to mankind than do individual rights and liberties. We who saw Europe liberated know that the Communistic fear that men will cling to freedom is well founded. It is possible that this truth may be the reason for what appears to be an aggressive intent on the part of the Communists to tear down all governmental structures based upon individual freedom.

If the men and women of America face this issue squarely and bravely as their soldiers faced the terrors of battle in World War II, we would have no fear of the outcome. If they will unite themselves as firmly as they did when they provided, with their Allies in Europe, the mightiest fighting force of all time, there is no temporal power that can dare challenge them. If they can retain the moral integrity, the clarity of comprehension, and the readiness to sacrifice that finally crushed the Axis, then the free world will live and prosper, and all peoples, eventually, will reach a level of culture, contentment, and security that has never before been achieved.

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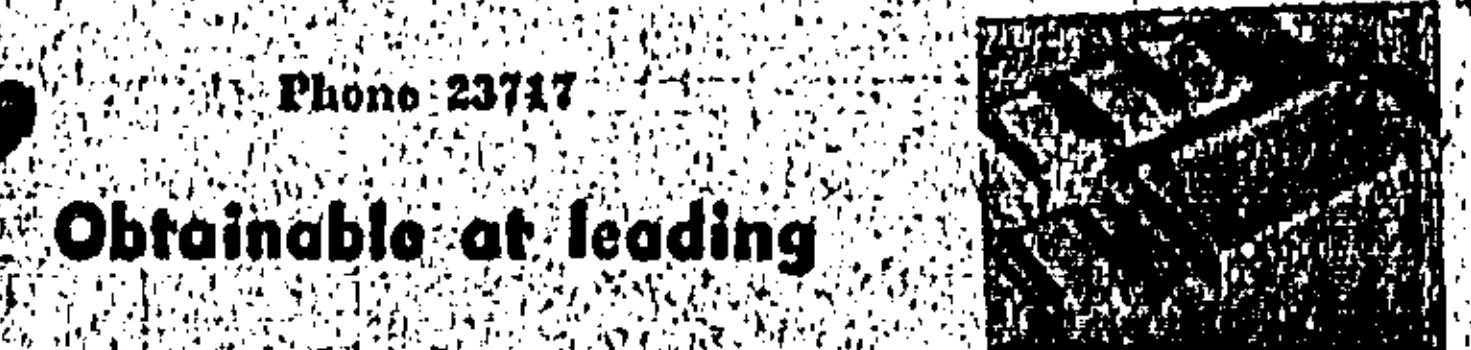
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The Universal Hero —Bing Crosby

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Topping all his 18 years of achievements merriment and grottoes in over the air, into the wax world and out of celluloid, is his Oscar rewarding portrayal of Father O'Malley in Leo McCarey's "Going My Way," filmed during the war.

Bing, christened Harry Lissis, was born in Tacoma, Washington, but when he was five, the family—eight in all—counting Pa and Ma Crosby—moved to Spokane, also in Washington.

Bing was independent. When a boy, rather than ask his parents for movie money, he'd work his fingers to the bone delivering papers, mowing lawns, running errands, and it is believed, even caddying.

The Crosbys are Irish and Catholics. After high school, Bing entered the Lulu Gonzaga University, run by Irish Jesuits, in which institution today are several Hong Kong boys, graduates of the Lulu Gonzaga College in Macao during the war.

Bing's mother had hoped that Bing would follow the priesthood. But when his interest turned to show business she was equally pleased.

In Gonzaga however, Bing learned to play a little football, sang a little in the glee club and finally bought himself a set of drums and subsequently was out of law school.

It is not known whether it was the drums and the rhythm he learned from them that interfered with his law studies or the other way round. Even Bing himself is not certain.

Musicality which he had also studied in Gonzaga had come into his life which was to make him the institution that we know of to-day.

Bing left Spokane in 1925 and headed for Hollywood fame, and Dixie Lee, his blonde wife, and Bill, Gary, Johnny and Dennis, his four sons.

When Bing met Dixie he was one of the Rhythm Boys in the Coconut Grove and she was an up-and-coming musical star.

He was, and still is, one of those very casual types. But so much so in those days, he used to get into the habit ofinking dates but never keeping them.

When he phoned one day and said to Dixie's friend that he wanted to meet Dixie somewhere, she blew up. "You can't tell that guy I don't go anywhere to meet anybody—especially him."

But Bing was as determined as he was casual and humorous. He called again, acted like a gentleman and said please. He didn't overdo it though, for before the evening was over he told Dixie "You know my phone number. Call me up."

"I've got news for you," Dixie snapped. "I never call anybody up." That was how they fell in love. And when Bing kept persistently singing to Dixie over the phone "I Surrender Dear," it was she in the end who surrendered. They were married a few months later, in September 1933.

Bing's charitable work is enormous. He sponsors a scholarship for poor-but-gifted inventors.

About the Hope-Crosby friendship everybody knows. Of Frankie Sinatra, Bing says "Frankie is my favourite male singer. He's great!"

His four sons (Irishers, Bing calls them) disagree though.

Gary says, "Sinatra's good, but

the way we feel about it he sings for girls. Pop, now, he's got a voice that men like."



PERSONALITY

This week we have a teen ager from the Braves softball team, Carlos d'Almada Remedios, 17 years old, who celebrates his birthday on January 28.

Carlos was born in Hong Kong and began kindergarten schooling privately until he was old enough to enter La Salle College.

He remained in La Salle until the war started, then joined St. Mary's which then opened classes for the duration of the Japanese occupation.

In 1946 Carlos left Hong Kong for Macao to continue his schooling in St. Louis Gonzaga College, returning to La Salle after the

I can't jive and don't intend to learn; as for dancing, I regard it only as a social asset.

Carlos is keen only in what he terms as "sweet swing and music that has a tinge to it." His favourite band leader is Glenn Miller, his tune, "At Last" by Glenn.

Of the vocalists, Carlos chooses Peggy Lee, Sinatra, and Bing and the two crooners prefer

Crosby.

Like many another teen ager, Carlos likes to read adventure novels, particularly Westerns. He reads the classics also—but on a smaller scale. Carlos is very fond of English literature and named Macaulay's "Life of Cleo" as his favourite.

Asked who he thought as the greatest sportsman of our time, Carlos named Joe DiMaggio, centre fielder for the New York Yankees.

His other hero is England's Dennis Compton, "although he does come in after the Don in cricket," he concluded.

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Platter Chatter

Looking Ahead

New chirp, Barbara Cameron is reported to possess the ability to emoto with much feeling. Her records include: Two Loves Have I; I Love You, Yet I Do; What'll I Do and Tell Pretend.

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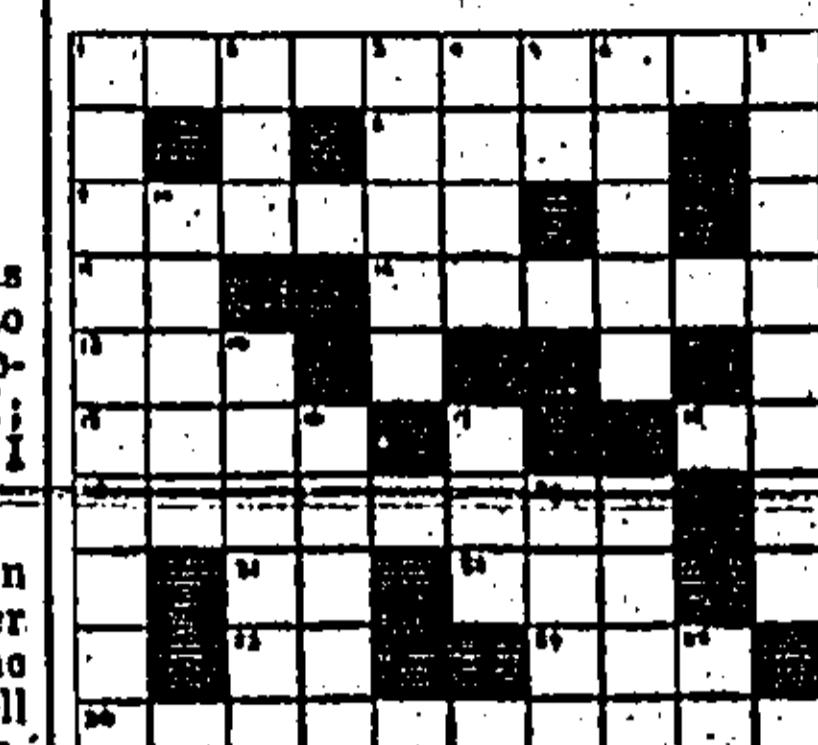
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 10. Little.
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1. Goes through.
 2. For fishing.
 3. Got up.
 4. A tree.
 5. To mock.
 6. Give penalty.
 7. It smells.
 8. Newspaper boss.
 9. An organic salt.
 10. Verb (past tense).
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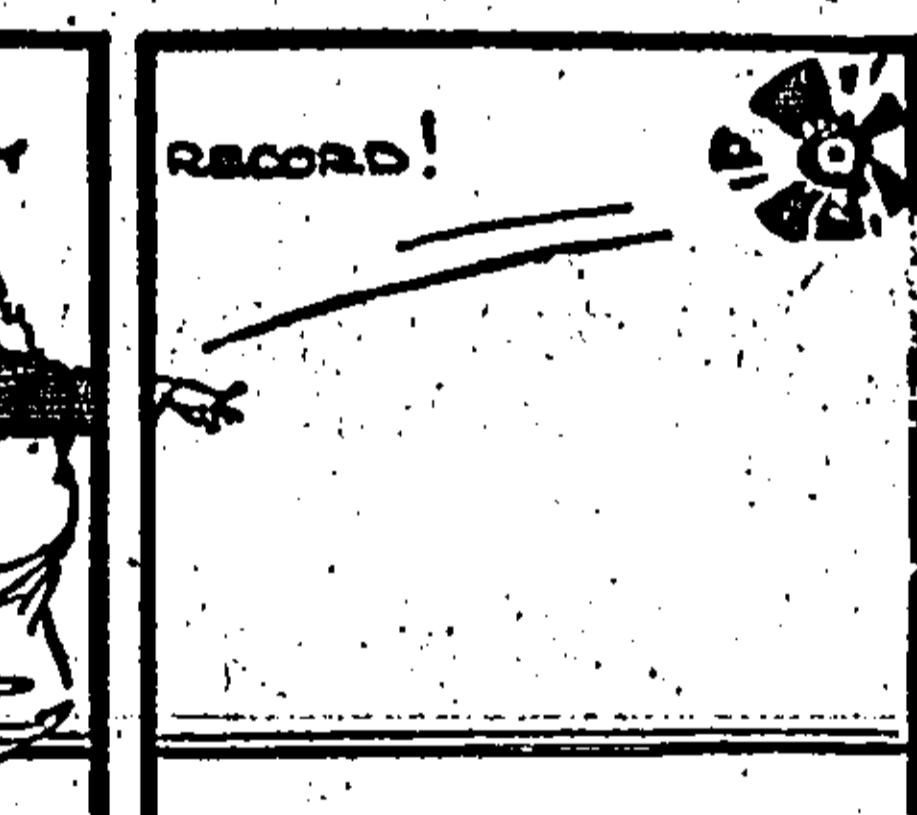
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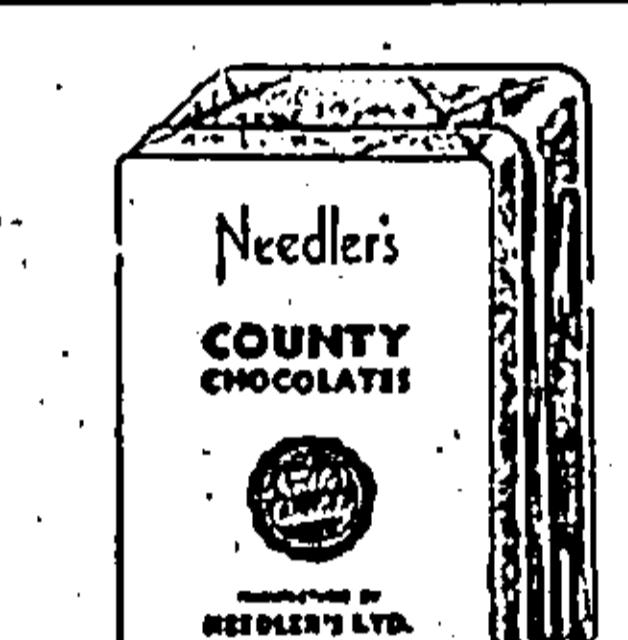
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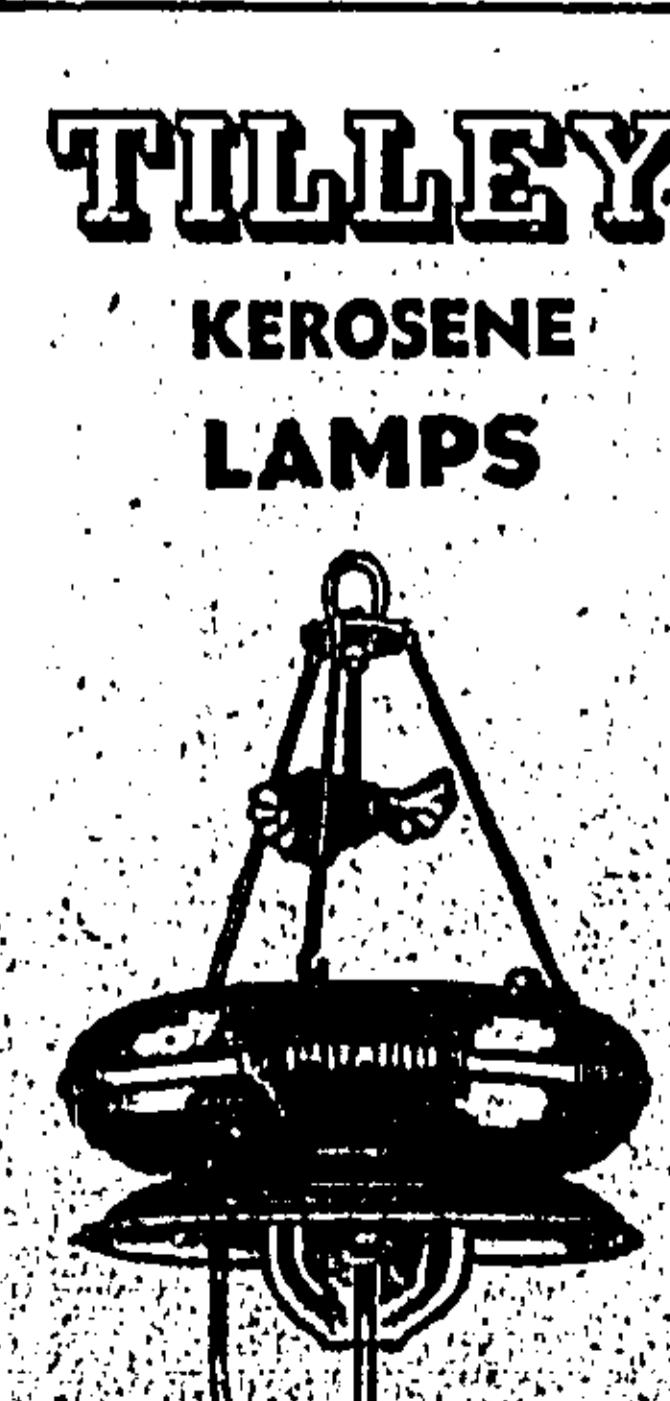
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Ball of \$200,000 was suggested by Inspector Moore in the case of an alleged swindle by two men and two women involving a sum of \$300,000, at Central yesterday.

Ten additional charges, five for larceny by means of a trick and five for conspiracy, were preferred against Shul Chu-wan, alias Miss Lee before Mr. F.X. d'Almada.

The other three defendants, Ng Yau-kiung, a woman, Tang Pak-ho and Young Siu, were additionally charged with two counts each of larceny by means of a trick and conspiracy.

Miss Lee will be defended by Mr. C.A.S. Itaya, Young Siu by Mr. M. A. da Silva and the other defendants by Mr. A.S.C. Comber.

When the question of ball was raised by Mr. Silva and Inspector Moore suggested \$200,000, Mr. Silva said that the ball was too high and quoted the "Execution case."

Inspector Moore asked for a week's remand, but Mr. Silva suggested three days, which was granted by the magistrate.

Lecture At Lusitano

The second in a series of weekly lectures on British Constitutional History was delivered by Mr. Brook Bernacchi yesterday at the Club Lusitano.

The series is arranged by the British Council. The auditorium was filled to capacity, mostly by students and University undergraduates.

Speaking on the growth of the British Parliament, Mr. Bernacchi traced the events from the days of the Tudors to the present time.

His audience was informed of the many changes in the British system brought about by the various economic and political reforms.

The lecture was accompanied by lantern slides depicting important events of the old days and cartoons of the time.

The next in the series which will be on the present method of the British Government, will be given by Mr. Bernacchi on Tuesday.

Mr. Bernacchi was charged before Mr. d'Almada at Central yesterday with larceny by means of a trick the sum of \$90 and clothing the property of Mr. J. T. Turner at the Repulse Bay Hotel; obtaining \$105.05 credit by fraud from the manager of the Repulse Bay Hotel, giving false information by signing his name as C.P. Larson at the Repulse Bay Hotel Register and with larceny by bailee of a radio set the property of Mr. John H. Watson.

A raincoat, the property of Mr. Turner, was handed over to the boy at the Lido Dance Hall for the sum of six dollars. Mr. Watson said that he would give back the next day for it.

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Absent Without Permission

An officer of Britton's regiment told the court that defendant had been with the regiment for three months and with the exception of being absent without permission, Britton had behaved well.

Britton said that he was sorry for what he had done and that if he could repay the people he would like to do so.

Inspector Cochrane prosecuted and said that the property had been recovered.

Britton was sentenced to three months.

A remand of three days was granted on the application of Inspector Lowe by Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central yesterday when Janp Herman Van Gelderen, aged 21, was charged under the common law of attempted suicide by taking poison on February 20.

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Gunner Gets 3 Months For Spell Of Crime

On the morning of February 9, Raymond Paul Britton, aged 21, a gunner of the 25th Field Regiment, 93rd Battery, went to the Repulse Bay Hotel. He was dressed in civilian clothing and there he wanted to see the Manager of the Hotel, Mr. Olevinsky. He told the Manager that he wanted to have a room at the hotel and said he had obtained a post as pilot in the Cathay Pacific Airways. He said the remaining members of the staff were staying at a certain hotel in Kowloon and as there was no room there, he wanted a room at the Repulse Bay Hotel.

Mr. Olevinsky gave him a room and Britton offered to pay in advance, but the manager told him that he could pay afterwards.

Britton signed his name at the hotel register as Christopher Paul Larson. The same day Britton met a man named Turner and they became very friendly. They had several games of table tennis and had a walk to Aberdeen.

On the morning of February 11, Britton told Turner that he had to interview his boss and at the same time he was waiting for money which was being sent to him. Britton managed to get a loan of \$90 from Turner and also some clothing.

A refresher course for former officers and senior NCO's will be started next month. Former for this course will be sent out today, it was revealed by Volunteer Headquarters.

The course will be open not only to those who have already re-enrolled for the Defence Force, but also to those who have not yet done so.

It is expected that about 100 will be taking course.

Enlistments for the Defence Force up to yesterday were slightly short of 1,000. Those for the other services are about 700.

A recruiting official said yesterday that between 35 and 40 percent of those who had signed up for the Defence Force were



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"TASMAN"	Arrivals from Swallow & Amoy 24th Feb.
"JITJALENGKA"	In port
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Textile Survey Mission To Japan

New York, February 22. A proposal to send a joint Anglo-American textile survey mission to Japan has been approved by three U.S. cotton industry associations.

William C. Planz, chairman of the Textile Industry Committee on Foreign Trade, said yesterday two remaining committee members would soon present the proposal to their respective Boards of Directors. The Committee, formed several weeks ago, consists of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, Cotton Textile Institute Incorporated, Association of Cotton Merchants of New York, the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers and the Textile Import Association of the United States.

Mr. Planz declined to identify the three organizations already on record as favouring the mission to Japan.

Different Policy

One Department official said the policy is not parallel to that applicable to Russia and her satellites because applications currently held will be granted if they are approved after official scrutiny, and existing regulations permit unlicensed shipment to China of many important types of goods.

For example, this official said, no license is now required to ship a heavy electrical generator or a locomotive to China, because neither is listed as in short supply.

"On the other hand, licenses would be required to ship these items to any European country. Thus, under a year old policy, applications to ship such "war potential" goods to the Soviet bloc would be refused."

The requirement of approval to ship virtually any goods to Europe is based on U.S. foreign policy. It is designed to channel goods to the Marshall Plan countries and keep reins on shipments to the Soviet area.

The Commerce Department administers controls over exports to all areas.

Another official said some consideration has been given to extending the European type controls to all China shipments. No development along that line is imminent now, he indicated.

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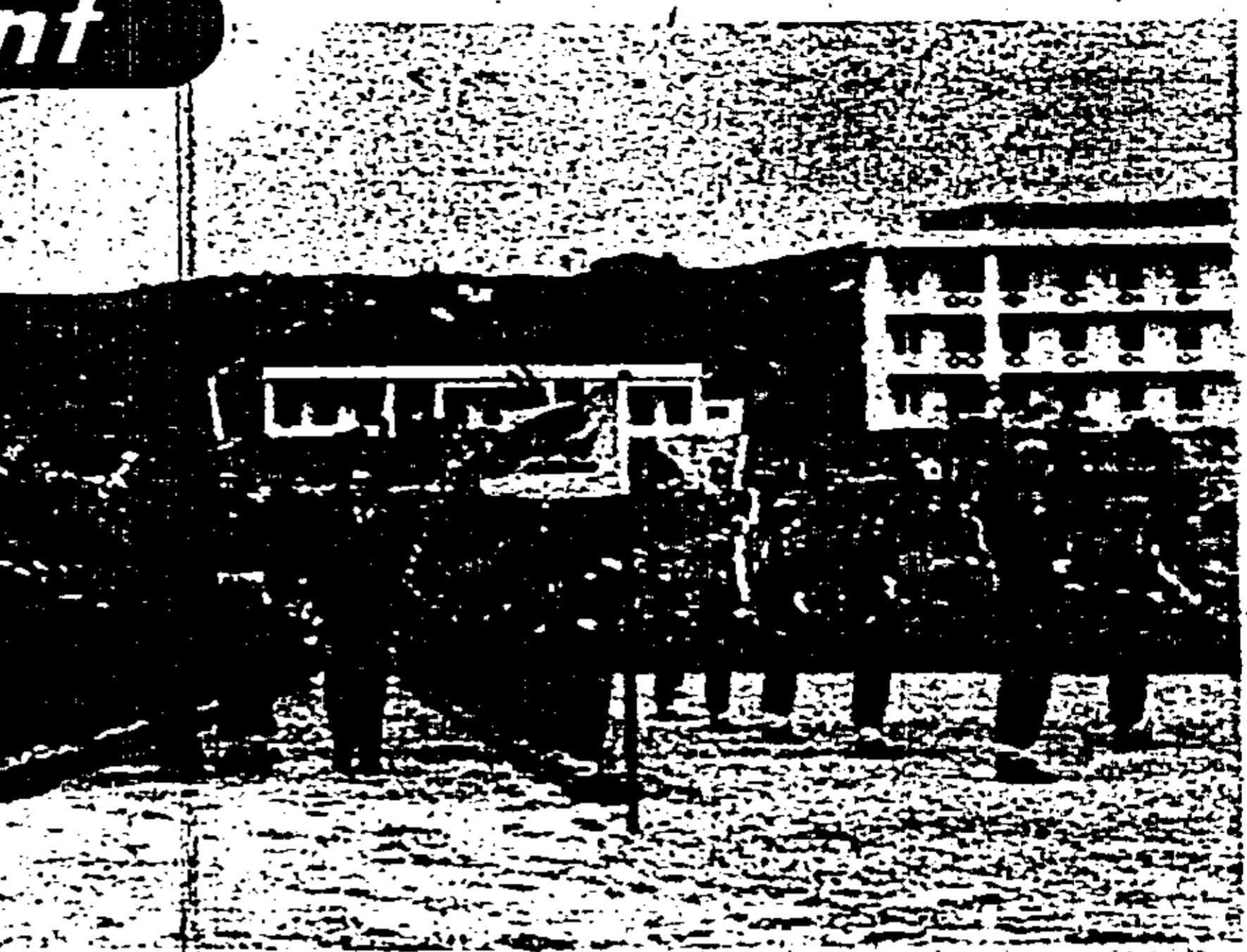
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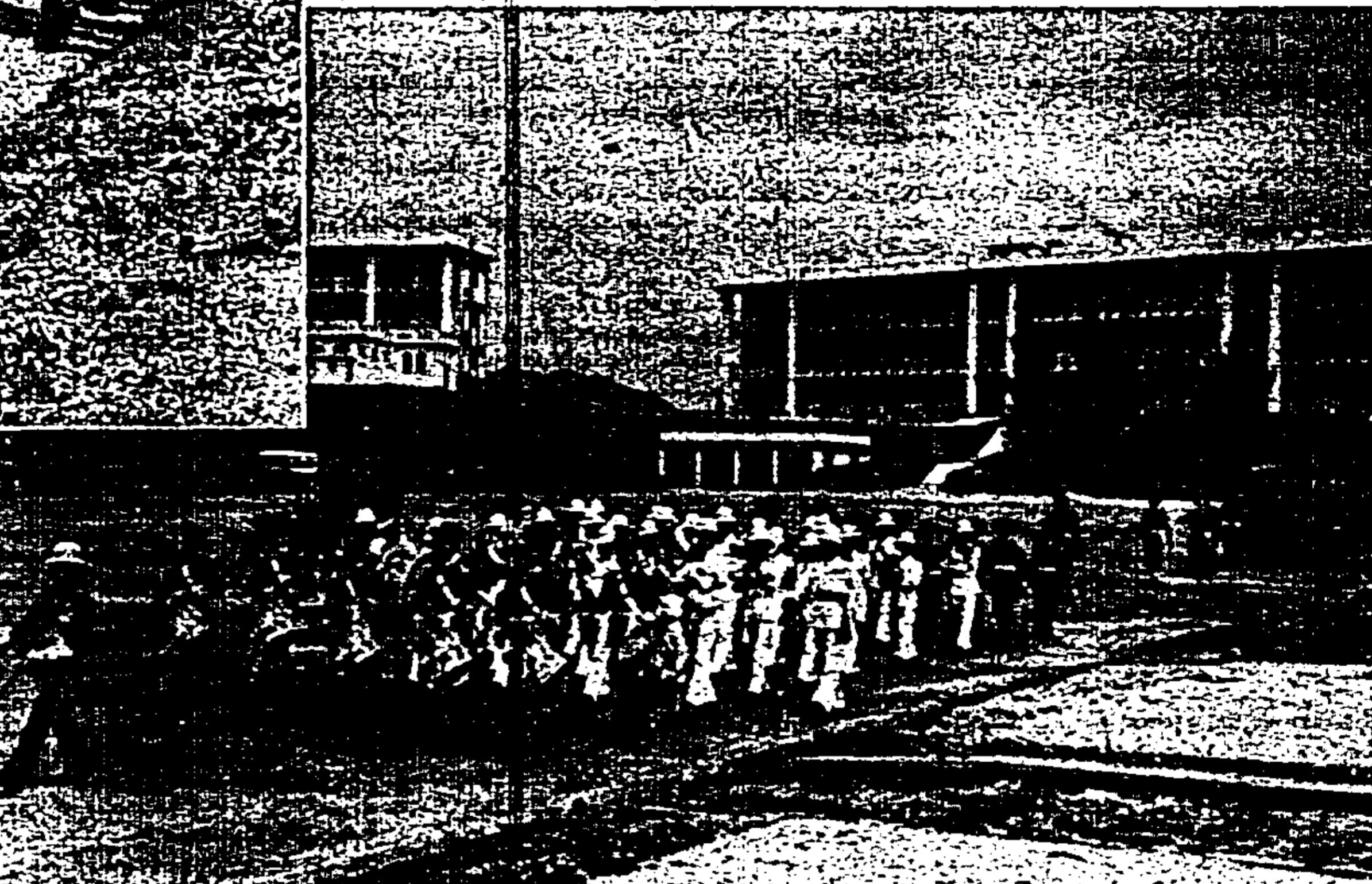
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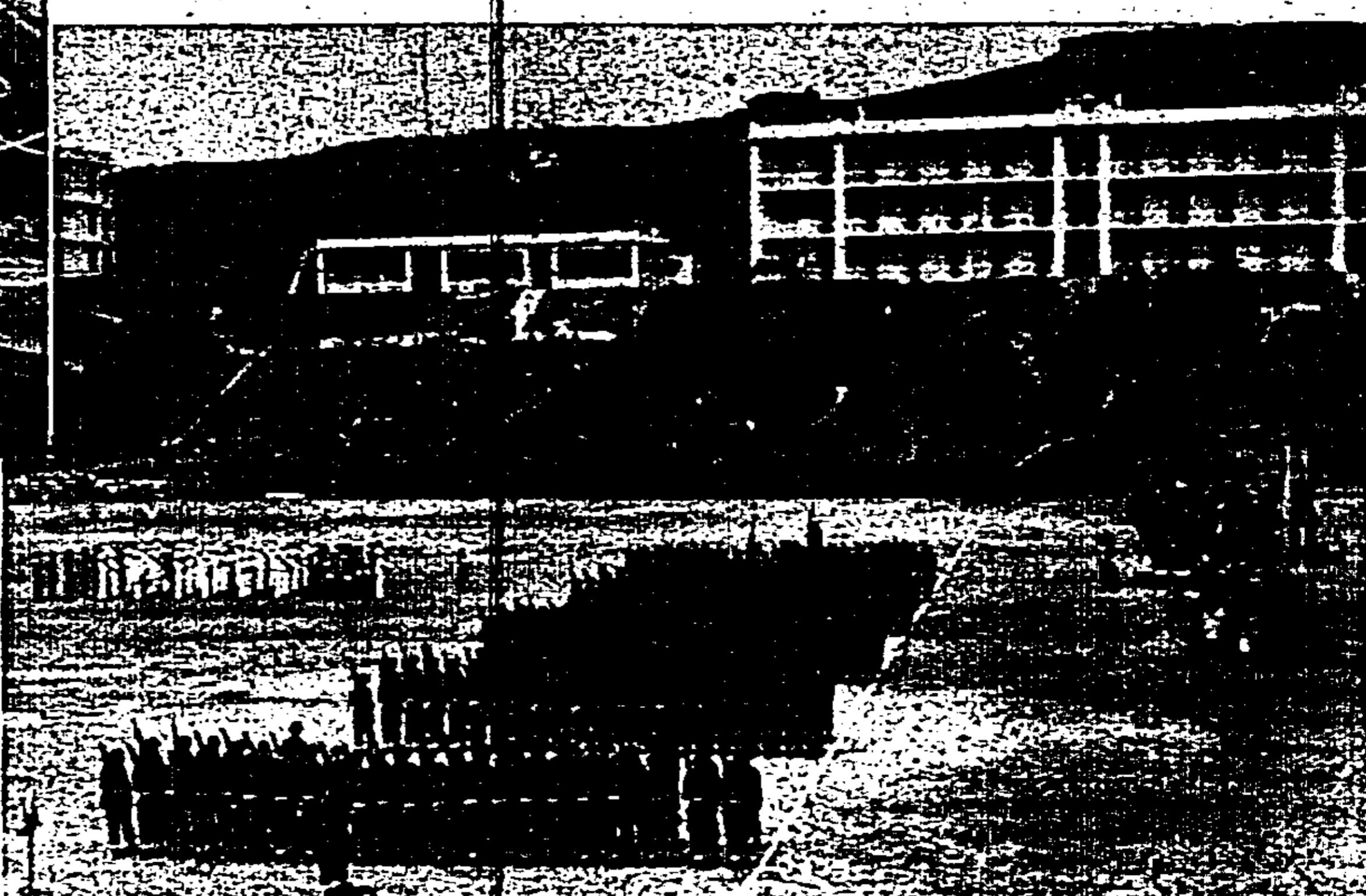


The General Officer Commanding, Major General Matthews, inspecting the 1st Battalion of the Buffs at Stanley Fort. ("China Mail" photo)

The Colours of the 1st Battalion of The Buffs were trooped before the General Officer Commanding, Major General F. R. G. Matthews, at Stanley Fort on Monday. The occasion marked the merging into one of the two Battalions of the Regiment. ("China Mail" photo)

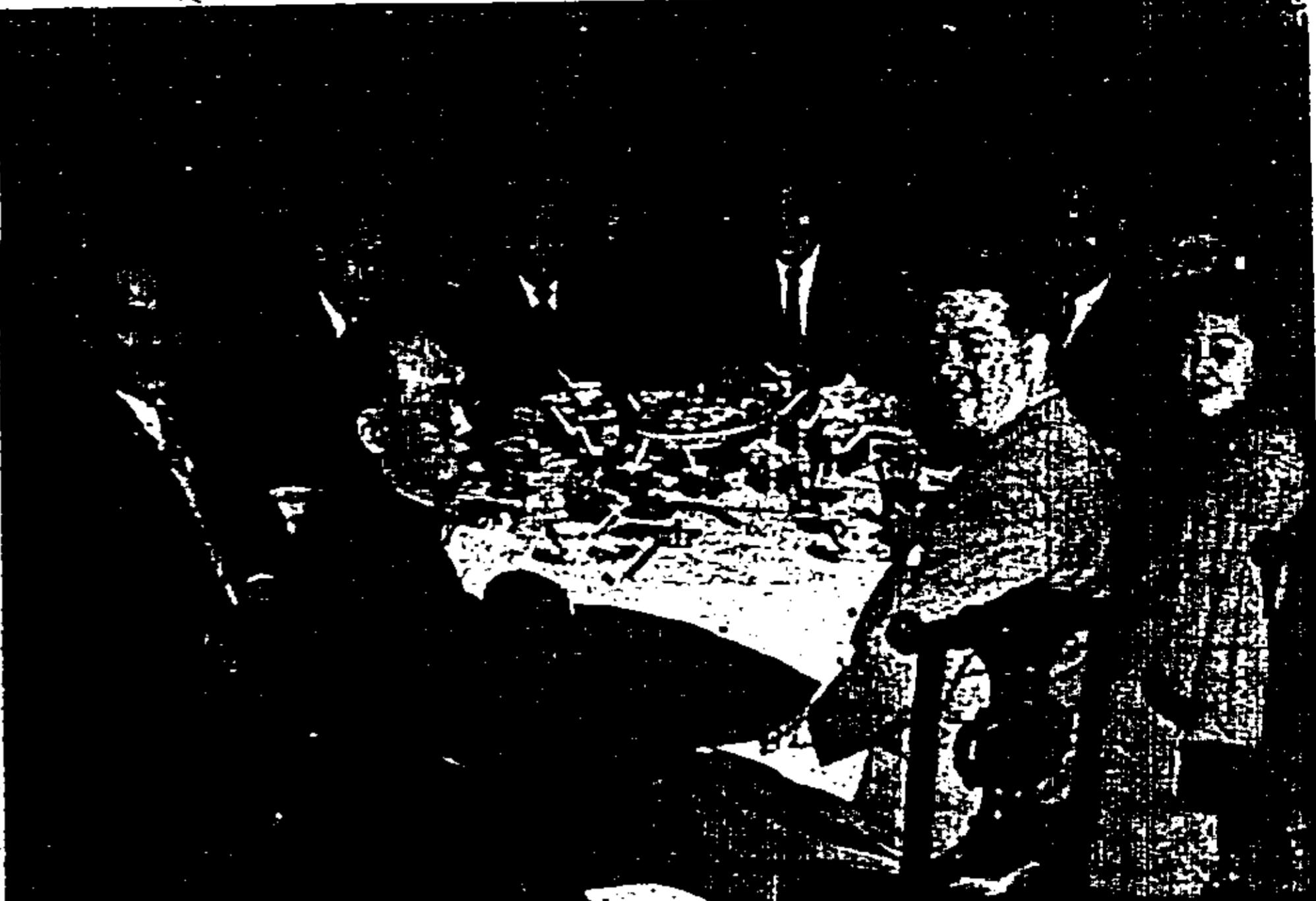


The band of The Buffs lead five columns of the Regiment's soldiers at the Trooping of the Colours at Stanley Fort. ("China Mail" photo)



Major General Matthews, GOC, is shown on the saluting base at Stanley Fort, at the Trooping of the Colours of The Buffs. ("China Mail" photo)

Troops of the 1st Battalion, The Buffs, are shown about to pass the saluting post at Stanley Fort last week. Major General Matthews, GOC took the salute. ("China Mail" photo)



A party at the Vick Yuen Shipping Company dinner, held at the Kam Ling Restaurant. Attending the dinner were the Consul-Generals of Panama and Brazil. ("China Mail" photo)



The Wah Yan College Old Boys at their Luncheon at the Catholic Centre. ("China Mail" photo)



The Gunners "A" soccer team, winners of their game with RASC "B". The gunners are now leading the Army Football League by nine points. ("China Mail" photo)



The India under team, which went down to a heavy defeat at the hands of Scotland in the final game of the International Series played at Sookumboo. ("China Mail" photo)



Applicants for the Hong Kong Defence Force are shown lining up for registration forms at the Kowloon Cricket Club. The response to the appeal for applicants exceeded all expectations on the first day. ("China Mail" photo)

At the HKDF Headquarters, applicants for the HKDF are seen filling out registration forms. ("China Mail" photo)

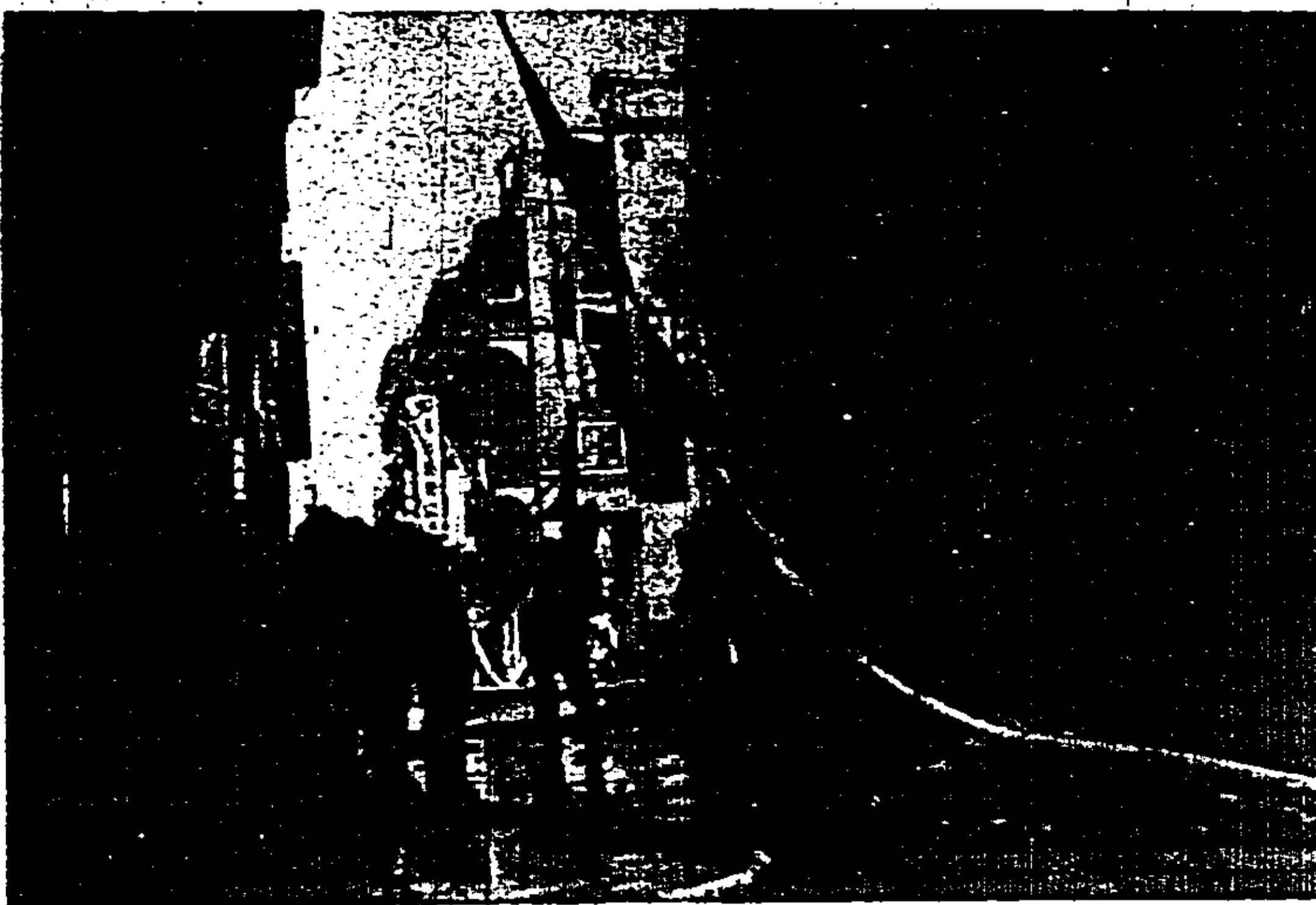
Prospective members of the Force file past recruiting officers to obtain their registration forms. ("China Mail" photo)



The Reverend B. C. John, Headmaster of St. Joseph's College, dresses pupils before prize distribution at Caroline Hill last ("China Mail" photo)

A happy four-some these lads, members of Class Four A, who the Junior Medley at the St. Joseph's College Athletic Meeting at Caroline Hill. ("China Mail" photo)

They're off! Content in the Senior metre Bicycle Race at the St. Joseph's College Athletic Meeting at Caroline Hill are at the starting line. ("China Mail" photo)



Billows of smoke rise from a fire-cracker shop in Staunton Street. Fire fighters put out the flames after half an hour. ("China Mail" photo)

A shop full of fire-crackers, joss sticks and joss paper burst into flames in Staunton Street last week. Picture shows firemen desperately trying to put out the flames. ("China Mail" photo)



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Members and friends at the Elliot Hall (Hong Kong University) dance party, pose for a group picture. The dance was held at the Eu Tong Sen Gymnasium on February 12. ("China Mail" photo)



Young John Woodward is shown cutting his birthday cake in his home, while his many friends who came to wish him were dividing their attention between the cake and the camera. (Mike Cheung photo)

A welcome party was given by the staff of the Commercial Press, Ltd., last week. Picture shows the Shanghai directors of the company. ("Sun Ying Ming" Studio)

Group photo taken at the Kam Ling Restaurant of the staff of E. Ott and Company at their annual dinner for their clients. ("China Mail" photo)



More than 500 persons attended the annual dinner party given by E. Ott and Company last week. The party was held for clients of the company. ("China Mail" photo)

A table at the annual dinner party given by E. Ott and Company at the Kam Ling Restaurant last week. ("China Mail" photo)





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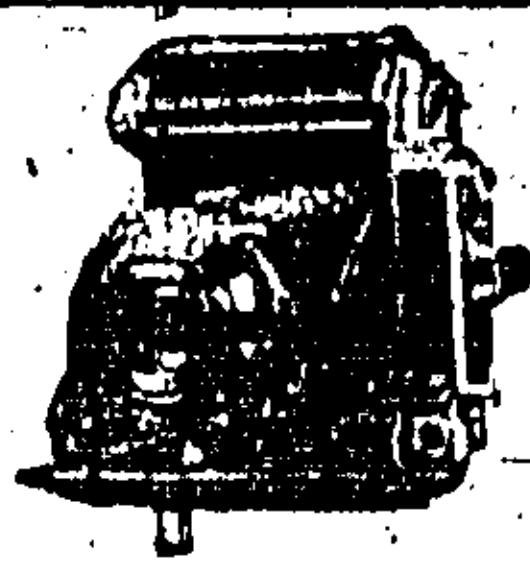
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RM Bands To Beat Retreat

The Royal Marine Bands of the Far East Fleet, including that of the Commander-in-Chief, will beat The Retreat at the Hong Kong Cricket Club at 5.45 p.m. tomorrow.

A guard of Royal Marines from the Fleet will be on parade. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Mr. A.E.J. Stagg, Royal Marines.

The Guard and Bands will march in to the tune of "HM Jollies" and carry out the trump "By Land and Sea" followed in quick time by "Old Panama".

The drummers will beat the retreat, a survival of an old army custom whereby men were recalled to barracks at sunset by the drum. The band will then advance to the march "The Thin Red Line", and the guard will form up in quick time facing the White Ensign to "The Army of the Nile".

The evening hymn "The Day Thou Gavest" will precede the actual sunset ceremony. On the call "Alert" the guard will present arms and the colours will be hauled down while the band plays the harmonised version of the well known sunset call. This will be followed by the National Anthem. The Guard and Band will march off to the Regimental March "A Life on the Ocean Wave" as the ceremony ends. —Reuter.

HKFA MEETING ON FRIDAY

A meeting of the Emergency Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Association's Office on Friday, February 25, at 5.15 p.m. for the purpose of enquiring into the conduct of the following players:

1. Yan Tat-chung of Kit Chee, who was sent off the field of play.
2. Kwok Ying-wai and Cheung Chi Ping of Kit Chee, who were cautioned.
3. Lau Sheung of Tramways, who was sent off the field of play.

London, February 21. Results of Rugby Union games played today were: Roslyn Park 3 Beaufort Rangers 6.—Reuter.



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Mr. W.K. Way On Brief Visit To Hong Kong

A well known former resident of Hong Kong, Mr. W.K. Way of RKO Radio pictures, Malaya, is on a brief visit to the Colony.

Mr. Way who hails from Australia, was in charge of the Hong Kong Office of RKO Radio Pictures before the war.

He had, however, the distinction of becoming only the second player ever in 10 years to take a game of the American championship by the Japanese Mr. Way, who was seriously wounded while holding out in the defence of Hong Kong as a member of the HKVDC, managed to escape to Chungking with Mrs. Way and their three children, Wilmer, Ronald and Darryl.

While in Chungking, Mr. Way continued to look after RKO Interests in Free China.

After the re-occupation, Mr. Way returned to Hong Kong and took charge of RKO Radio Pictures here. He was transferred to Singapore shortly afterwards, where he was joined by Mrs. Way and the children who had earlier left Chungking for India.

Mr. Way and his family visited Australia towards the end of last year and it is understood that Mrs. Way and the children are at present in Perth, Western Australia and Mrs. Way will be returning to Singapore shortly to rejoin Mr. Way.

Mr. Way was a prominent figure on the local sporting field. He was a keen soccer player in his younger days and later represented Craggengower Cricket Club at cricket, tennis and lawn bowls for many years, distinguishing himself in all three games.

Surprise In Badminton Encounter

In a Junior Men's Doubles Division League game at Kowloon Tong last Monday, Kowloon Tong "A" created a mild surprise when they beat Hong Kong University by six games to three.

They thus fully avenged their defeat by a similar score at the hands of the undergraduates in their first encounter.

Score of games played during the week are:

Senior Men's Doubles Division Chinese YMCA beat Recreio, 8-1. University beat KCC, 8-1.

Junior Men's Doubles Division Kowloon Tong "A" beat Hong Kong University, 8-3.

M. C. Hung and C. H. Ngan beat Chew Kam-seng and Owe Khong-hock, 21-13, beat M. T. Yew and T. H. Choo, 21-10, beat N. K. Chin and C. S. Loo, 21-17.

Loo Po and S. H. Leung lost to Chew and Owe, 13-21, lost to Yew and Choo, 8-21, beat Chin and Loo, 21-10.

P. Wong and S. C. Chan beat Chew and Owe, 21-14, lost to Yew and Choo, 19-21, beat Chin and Loo, 21-18.

Chung Wah beat Kowloon Tong "B", 7-2.

C. F. Chiu and K. Y. Tse beat K. L. Au and K. T. Lui, 21-10,

beat K. C. Wu and L. C. Tam, 21-17, beat T. Y. Tsui and S. F. Tao, 21-10.

K. F. Chiu and A. Ho beat Au and Lui, 21-18, beat Wu and Tam, 21-11, lost to Tsui and Tao, 22-12.

Leo Leong and K. C. Wong beat Au and Lui, 24-22, beat Wu and Tam, 21-8, lost to Tsui and Tao, 24-21.

RAT beat St. John's "B", 7-2.

Today's Games

St. John's "A" vs. Kowloon Tong "A".

St. Teresa's "A" vs. Kowloon Tong "B".

VRC "A" vs. KCC.

Kowloon Tong "B" vs. VRC "B".

Recrolo vs. St. John's "B".

Chinese YMCA vs. RAF.

RUGBY DRAW

London, February 21. The draw for the second round of the Rugby League Cup was made in Leeds today as follows:

Wigan or Leigh v. Wakefield Trinity; Belle Vue-Rangers v. Warrington; Halifax v. Swinton; York v. Oldham; Leeds v. Hunslet; Barrow v. Keighley; Huddersfield v. Workington; Bradford v. Castleford.

The matches are to be played on March 5.

Marathon In HK Tennis Turney

Five more games of the Colony Lawn Tennis Singles Championship were decided yesterday.

The match between J. S. Belme and J. A. C. Hurlbatt turned out to be the marathon of the evening, ending with a set to each. Although the players never reached a very high level, it was enjoyable while it lasted. Gameness on both sides produced some long rallies and fine retrieving.

This game will be continued.

Roch Leung, the Kowloon Tong Club Champion, and the only seeded player in action, yesterday had an easy evening, eliminating

A. Furrer by 6-0 and 6-1.

So also did Molan Chan and Choy Tin Wah, who won their games comfortably by 6-0, 6-1 and 6-1, 6-2 respectively.

Frank Kwok, handicapped by his age, found his opponent a little too fleet for him and his weakness on the backhand caused his undoing.

In the only game that went to three complete sets Peter M.F. U after winning the first set handily by 6-2, found that D. Nolan was not in the least worried at this reverse. He kept on returning every possible shot in the second set and kept U so much on the run that he was completely beaten by the time the final set was reached.

Full Scores:

J.S. Belme v. J.A.C. Hurlbatt, 5-7, 6-4 (unfinished).

J.B. Haworth beat F.H. Kwok, 6-4, 6-2.

Roch Leung beat A. Furrer, 6-0, 6-1.

Molan Chan beat P.V. Shawe, 6-0, 6-1.

D. Nolan beat Peter M.F. U, 2-0, 6-4, 6-2.

Choy Tin Wah beat J.S. Lee, 6-1, 6-2.

Court 1: E.M. Huyburst v. T.E. Baker.

Court 2: Wong Siu-ki v. H.K. Hamilton.

Court 3: Au Kam-moon v. R. Segalen.

Court 4: G.A. Lemay v. P. Poon.

Court 5: Norman Lo v. K.H. Ip.

Court 6: Lee Yue-wing v. G.H. Wiggleworth.

CEYLON LOSE TO WEST INDIES

Colombo, February 21.

The West Indies beat Ceylon by an innings and 22 runs in the first test cricket match, ended today at the Colombo Oval.

The Scores were:

West Indies 1st Innings, 482 for 2 wickets, declared, Carew, 77; Tong, 116; Walcott, not out, 225; Weekes, not out, 133.

Ceylon replied with 322 in their first Innings and 318 in their second Innings.

The second and last test match begins next Saturday.—Associated Press.

Hockey Fixtures

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Club de Recreio v. Navy; King's Park, 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: P.F. Xavier and J.S. Grewal.

RAF v. Khalsa; Kai Tak, 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: C.J. Merritt and S.B.C.U. Shaw.

Cable & Wireless v. Army (match postponed).

HK Police v. University; Boundary Street (Kowloon), 10 a.m.; Umpires: S.B.P.O. Youmans and J.H. Blinco.

Civil Service v. Dockyard RC; King's Park (RNRC 2), 10 a.m.; Umpires: Makhan Singh and E.R.A. Miller.

Dutch HC v. YMCA; Soo-kun-poo, 10 a.m.; Umpires: Capt. Chin and G.T. Palmer.

Army v. Macao (at Macao).

All umpires are requested to confirm by phone (30301 Ex. 117) before 5 p.m. on Friday.

Secretaries are requested to ensure prompt attendance of their teams.

A maximum of ten minutes delay will be allowed.

Will umpires please notify results as soon as possible after the match.

LEAGUE TABLE

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Club de Recreio	14	12	1	47	4	21	42
Navy	14	10	3	1	52	11	23
RAF	14	9	2	35	14	22	22
Khalsa	14	9	2	30	14	20	20
HK Police	14	2	5	27	24	18	15
RAF	10	7	1	23	20	15	15
Civil Service	14	6	1	27	24	12	12
University	14	6	2	28	21	10	10
Dutch	14	4	1	31	20	9	9
Cable & Wireless	14	2	0	12	13	11	4
Dockyard RC	12	1	0	11	6	6	1

SPECIAL MILE RUN

New York, February 21.

Four European runners and three United States stars will run in the special Louis Zamperini invitational mile at the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association indoor track meet on Saturday night at Madison Square Garden.

Sweden's Ingvar Bengtsson and Erik Ahlén, Holland's Willy Slykhuis and France's Marcel Hansenne will run with Fred Wit, John Twomey and Curtis Stoner Belgium's Gaston Reiff plans to fly home on Thursday after going to Lake Placid to visit Jacques Mouvet, Belgian bobsledder, who is in hospital there.

Slykhuis is training for a few days at Pennsylvania State College with Curtis and Twomey. Hansenne said he was willing to forgive and forget the foul by Phil Threlip, Seton Hall College negro, whose elbowing and blocking tactics broke up Hansenne's stride last Saturday night and hoped Cornell University's Bob Mealey to win an unexpected victory in the 1,000 yards.

Meanwhile, the Amateur Athletic Union announced that 60 athletes will be chosen to go to Europe in July to compete in various cities by invitation.—United Press.

Managerial Side More Attractive

London, February 21.

More and more former players are turning to the managerial side of the game, in some cases with the clubs they have served so well on the field.

The latest are R. H. ("Jackie") Gibbons, Brentford inside forward and former English Amateur international, who has been appointed team manager of Brentford, and R. Dennis, former Northampton Town centre half, who has become manager of that club.

Gibbons succeeds Mr. Harry Curtis, who retired at the end of the season. He was unanimously elected by the Brentford Board after it had considered many applications.

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